

## *Ely Standard Great War articles 1914-1918: an index, compiled by Mike Petty*

**THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE TIMES. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1916.**  
**MORE CAMBRIDGESHIRE CASUALTIES.**

(1) Sergt. H. Langford, Cambs. Regt. (Gymer), killed; (2) Sergt. Frank Oakes, Cambs. Regt. (March), killed; (3) Corpl. Ernest O. Paul, K.B.R. (March), killed; (4) Corpl. J. Boyson, Australian Army Medical Corps (March), killed; (5) Lance-Corpl. J. W. Frickham, Suffolk Regt. (March), killed; (6) Pte. W. O. Woodhouse, Canadian Infantry (Doddington), killed; (7) Pte. William Jas. Alsop, Suffolk Regt. (Wilberton), killed in action; (8) Pte. Walter Edwin Cooke, Cambs. Regt. (Doddington), died of wounds; (9) Pte. A. W. Clarke, The Buffs (Whitlowa), killed.

(1) Pte. H. B. S. Harris, Australians (Ely), killed; (2) Pte. A. G. Wooley, Suffolk Regt. (Stretham), killed; (3) Pte. A. Price, Buffs. (Ely, died of wounds); (4) Pte. W. H. Constable, Suffolk Regiment (Stretham), killed; (5) Bugler Wm. Price (Solene), killed in action; (6) Pte. Sidney Wray, Suffolk Regiment (Whitton), wounded; (7) Pte. J. Hoare, Suffolk Regt. (Doddington), missing; (8) Sergt. L. Bishop, Cambs. Regt. (March), wounded; (9) Corpl. E. W. Watson, Suffolk Regt. (March), wounded.

**THE CASUALTIES.**  
**CAMBS. SOLDIERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.**  
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 The casualties which have been reported this week are as follows:  
**KILLED.**  
 Aug. 20th. Although having had several narrow escapes he has had somewhat of a charmed life. We understand he is in good spirits as well as can be expected, and it is hoped he will shortly be able to again visit his home.

**DOWNHAM MEN WOUNDED.**  
 Rifleman Arthur B. Hobbs, of the King's Royal Rifles, is lying in the 2nd Western General Hospital at Newport, Monmouth, suffering from a severe chested wound. He is the son of Mr. Fred Hobbs, of Third House, Downham, who visited him last week. The wound was received on Sept. 1st, on a part of the

**MARCH TRIBUNAL.**  
**MILITARY PRESS FOR BUSINESS MEN.**  
**APPEALS TO BE LODGED.**  
 After a lapse of five weeks the March Tribunal sat at the Town Hall, March, yesterday, and heard applications for exemption from Military service in respect of forty-one men. Eighteen cases were adjourned until March 22nd, and others were allowed for medical examination on 24th, and further temporary exemptions

**DISTRICT NEWS.**  
**SOHAM.**  
**CATTLE MARKET.**—The short supply of fat and store pigs at Messrs. Slack and Adams' auction on Monday was attributable to harvest operations, now in full swing. Fat pigs sold up to 12s. 6d. per stone and up to 6s. 17s. each. There were a good trade, selling up to 15s. 6d. at six weeks old. Total number penned: 55.  
**P.S.A.**—A well-attended P.S.A. meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday, conducted by Miss A. Shaw. An impressive address was given by the Rev. C. Scatchell, of Frinton, where taking part being Miss Eva King

match. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. James Hills, brother of the bride. The wedding party were conveyed to and from the Church by motor car. Following the ceremony about thirty guests sat down to the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, where for the remainder of the day a very pleasant time was spent in harmony. The following is the list of wedding presents: Father of bride—baggage; Mother of bride—bedstead, bedding, and silver teapot; Brother of bride—marble top washstand; Services—glass dish and silver plates; Grandparents—about; Miss C. Sumner—blue linen tablecloth; Miss N. Mann—four vases; Mr. F. Somers—table set; Miss H. Badcock and Mr. J. W. Goddard—half dinner service; Mrs. C. Hoare, half tea service; Mrs. H. Wells—kitchen

The Ely Standard articles give a detailed account of various aspects of local life during the Great War. It reports letters back from the front, lists casualties and details the heartbreak of Exemption Tribunal meetings where farmers plea to be allowed to keep workers on the land. There are mentions of conscientious objectors, German prisoners of war and local military hospitals.

This index covers stories relating to the war and its impact on the villages around Ely. It does not cover the many other aspects of 'normal' life that the paper reported

Note: these notes are not complete and there are inevitably mistakes. Please tell me those you notice.

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Please make what use of them you may. Please remember where they came from

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### Abbreviations

D	death or died
Dw	died of wounds
Kia	killed in action
M	missing
Pic	picture – often in the following week's paper
PoW	prisoner of war
W	wounded

## ***Ely Standard 1914***

1914 07 03

- 6 Austrian Duke assassinated
- 31 8 European nations arming, grave situation on continent

1914 08 07

- 3 European war... German aggression ... England & German opposed ...demonstration of patriotism
- 5 editorial
  - Ely war excitement – notices posted up
  - March war topic of conversation
  - Littleport news will be posted Conservative Club
  - Downham – horrible news received, several local men join colours
- 8 Gt War .. Great Belgian victory ... territorials mobilised - departures from Wisbech, March, Benwick, Ely, Whittlesey, Chatteris, Outwell, Soham, Littleport, Sutton
  - army purchase local horses
  - Wisbech wireless station dismantled so cannot become acquainted with various communications transmitted
  - Paper down to 4 pages

1914 08 14

- 2 editorial
- 3 war & harvest – Sunday work suggested
  - County district committee, defence before harvest
  - Prickwillow news posted
  - Carrier pigeon shot at Downham
  - Lt Thetford call up
  - Haddenham committee render help
  - Sutton united service, call to prayer in cricket field
- 4 war news

1914 08 21

- 2 editorial
- 3 news, schemes for those thrown out of work – draining fens
- 4 Ely prepares
- 4 Soham rumours spread that some tradesmen of German nationality

1914 08 28

- 3 military monoplane descends at Downham – lost way
  - County distress committee
- 4 Ely cinema reduces prices from 4d to 3d
  - education committee – war – schools not wanted for hospitals
  - Downham put beds in school, had nurses – ‘could not imagine wounded sent to village’ ... foolish
  - In Cambridge 500 beds arranged for wounded. Possible a few convalescents sent to Ely & Wisbech – unthinkable would use village schools
  - Teachers called up

1914 09 04

- 2 National Reservists leave – names
  - Soham – 2 brothers leave parents without means of support
  - Wicken – welcome visit of Enlistment men

Littleport – 5 with army – names  
Prickwillow railway bridge guarded by single policeman at times who also guarding  
line Shippea Hill to Padnal  
Paper up to 6 pages  
3 Wisbech preparations for wounded soldiers  
130 wounded arrive Cambridge  
Soham bill poster removed Defence of the Realm notices erected by policeman – ‘only  
he had the right to put up notices’ – fined  
4 list recruits  
meetings at Littleport, Sutton, Soham

1914 09 11

2 pro-German at Wisbech nearly causes riot  
6 roll of honour March, Wisbech, Ely, Littleport, Soham, Chatteris  
7 successful recruiting – Wisbech, March, Ely, Haddenham, Witchford, Littleport, Lt  
Downham, Coates, Whittlesey  
8 wounded in war – Mons – Prickwillow, Downham, Soham, Manea  
war relief funds  
recruits leave Wisbech, Littleport, Downham, Haddenham, Sutton

1914 09 18

5 scarcity farm labourers – editorial  
6 shameful German cruelties  
7 roll of honour – further names  
8 Soham war concert

1914 09 25<sup>h</sup>

2 Ely recruit suicide  
3 Prickwillow recruiting meeting  
6 life in Kitchener’s army – Chatteris recruit’s experiences  
6 March men at front

1914 10 02

6 wounded Chatteris, March  
8 new Military Road Wicken – Stretham  
8 Downham Belgian Refugees meet  
8 Manea soldier missing

1914 10 09

5 Isle would be first part assailed – if landed would blast banks & flood land  
8 blanket appeal  
casualties (& Photos) Witcham, March, Wimblington, Chatteris, Prickwillow,  
Wilburton, Whittlesey, Soham  
Belgian refugees at Wisbech

1914 10 16

2 tobacco for soldiers – Cambridgeshire Times promotion  
5 missing men prove to be prisoners & casualties Coates, March, Downham, Chatteris,  
Littleport  
Soham soldier returns  
Chatteris gunner’s experiences  
March wounded men home  
Benwick patriotic committee meeting  
6 war news

- 8 Littleport man's experiences – reluctant to describe experiences  
Soham kia  
Downham Belgian refugees appeal  
Sutton women knit  
Prickwillow war effort

1914 10 23

- 2 Belgian refugees Wisbech  
Isle Quarter sessions 'men who have failed in their duty'  
5 Ely soldier's heroism – half leg blown off  
Haddenham man at Antwerp  
Ely & Belgians, Cutlack offers The Grange, Littleport  
7 Soham refugees – special home to be provided  
8 reservists called up  
Downham – 2 Belgian families settled

1914 10 30

- 5 Upwell no refugees, Norfolk a prohibited area  
Soham Belgian refugees – photo  
Ely Belgian refugees, local fund started  
7 farmers & war – direct purchase of produce for forces  
8 Wisbech Belgian wounded – photo  
Haddenham refugees – 6 to come  
Downham refugees meet

1914 11 06

- 3 refugees to be housed Littleport  
5 Ely Lance-Corp. K Marne memorial service  
8 pow including Wilburton  
Stretham letter  
Soham letter, soldiers at front  
Downham send clothing  
Witchford schoolmaster now Lance Corporal  
Wilburton 4 men join  
Prickwillow 13 fresh recruits – now over 50  
Belgian refugees – Witcham, Mepal, Haddenham

1914 11 13

- 2 Manea man on sunk hospital ship  
Diocesan conference Bishop & war  
3 Tommy Atkins only needs something to smoke  
5 free medical attendance for dependants of soldiers & sailors  
Ely vicar's son kia – Lieut Punchard (?) – photo  
8 new hut barracks erecting Cherry Hinton meadows  
sluices guarded  
several Soham soldiers on leave  
Littleport refugees arrive

1914 11 20

- 6 aliens in Cambridgeshire  
8 letter 'heartily glad when it all over'  
Soham soldiers at Ypres  
Smokes – 2289 gift parcels

1914 11 27

- 5 Chatteris – 10 Belgian refugees arrive  
recruiting at Ely – public meeting
- 7 recruiting at Littleport, Chatteris
- 8 Soham soldier killed  
Littleport PC Cheyney (?) killed  
Witcham men wounded  
If German comes civilians will fight  
Soham man at front  
Mepal lantern lecture – pics of devastation

1914 12 04

- 5 Belgians – 3 in Ely
- 8 Soham soldier killed, bugler killed – photo  
Haddenham Belgian refugees move from rectory to Aldreth  
Downham recruiting meeting

1914 12 11

- 5 Ely Belgians provision for 40
- 6 Kitchener belongs Lakenheath  
emergency committee constitutions
- 8 Littleport PoWs  
experiences Soham, Ely, Chatteris  
Littleport soldier kia – Lord  
Soham – Johnson kia (photo)  
Mepal – Long died wounds  
Prickwillow non-enlisted scorned

1914 12 18

- 6 Littleport Crabb (photo p8) experiences front –
- 8 Haddenham, Pte H.J. Whetstone soldier returns  
Wicken soldier on leave  
Sutton recruits home  
Isleham Belgian refugees – Ferry House offered rent free, arrive  
Wilburton, Witcham comforts for soldiers

1914 12 25

- 8 Soham pow, Ypres experience & Ely

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1915 01 01

- 8 Witcham man at front – letter  
Soham sailor letter  
Adelaide – most eligible have joined; comforts for soldiers

1915 01 08

- 8 Littleport PC Dobson kia  
Witcham Corp Pake kia  
Prickwillow letter – Edwards  
Manea letter – Clarke  
In case of air raids

Wilburton refugees cottage prepared

1915 01 15

- 5 Ely Belgian refugees cmte
- 7 Cambridgeshire Territorial Association report on work during war
- 8 Ely Private Cooper wounded
- Ely Private Hammond kia
- Washday at front – Littleport men – photo

1915 01 22

- 8 air raid King's Lynn – photo
- letter trenches from Ely man
- Littleport gunner's gallant act – Cross
- Haddenham 2 Belgians depart for Ely
- Witcham funeral Pate
- Downham Pte Hill kia
- Littleport wireless installation by soldiers

1915 01 29

- 2 Soham debate billeting trios
- Ely & air raids – special meeting
- 5 Soham Rifleman Boyce kia – photo
- armoured motor car passed through Ely
- deserters at Ely
- 8 no visible lights 5pm-7.30 am
- Lt Thetford concert refugees
- Haddenham new family arrive

1915 02 05

- 5 Ely – deserted twice in week
- souvenirs tastefully mounted
- Soham Pte Turner wounded
- Prickwillow – Bonnett wounded
- Soham Pte Peacock wounded & home
- Cambridgeshire National Reserve Guards formed
- 7 Volunteer Training Corps Ely meet
- 8 Thorney blackout
- Pymore Belgian fund
- Lt Thetford postpone concert due blackout
- Sutton memorial service Pte Giddens – letter
- Wicken blackout

1915 02 12

- 6 in case of invasion – instructions civilians

1915 02 19

- 8 Littleport Serg Vincent wounded
- Soham – Robinson letter
- Downham spies – 2 foreigners in village, perhaps Germans looking at aircraft defences
- incorrect rumours that aircraft guns placed near Downham
- Wicken – public lamps removed from frames and stored in old Unitarian Chapel
- Prickwillow military guard increased

1915 02 26

- 2 Huntingdonshire Battalion Magazine
- Witcham Vye narrow escape – letter

- 8 Sutton Pte Fuller awarded DCM  
National Reservists called up

1915 03 05

- 5 Ely form Volunteer Training Corps for home defence  
8 Soham discuss lighting in church – no blackout  
Soham Pte Boyce letter,

1915 03 12

- 5 Cambridgeshire's in France – 1<sup>st</sup> casualties  
8 Wentworth – 2 serving  
Ely Pte Layton kia & 26<sup>th</sup> p8  
Soham patriotic mother – 4 sons in army  
Sutton letter Pte Knight  
Soham A. Clark POW 4 months – letter

1915 03 19

- 5 Cambridgeshire Territorials casualties  
Ely Volunteer Training Corps 1<sup>st</sup> meet  
7 farm problems & war – women on farm  
6 Soham soldier, Boyce wounded  
8 Soham soldiers, Steadman kia  
photos – Soham – Clark & Steadman  
Ely National Reservist Fendick kia (pic 26<sup>th</sup> p8)  
Haddenham special constables

1915 03 23

- 2 Ely Pte Creak kia  
Upware Pte Sennitt kia  
5 Ely remains Serg Baker conveyed Cambridge & p7  
7 motorist's headlamps too bright – order applies Suffolk but rescinded Cambridgeshire,  
happened Newmarket  
8 Cambridgeshire Territorials in action  
Ely Pte Bird kia (pic)  
Wentworth Serg Purell missing  
Littleport Pte Wenn wounded  
Capt Tebbutt kia  
Ely Neal wounded & Pte Bowd pic 2<sup>nd</sup> p8  
Wicken Pte Sennitt kia – pic  
Ely Pte Copeland wounded  
Littleport Wenn narrow escape  
Stretham privates in Germany  
Witchford – Barber pow

1915 04 02

- 5 Cambridgeshire Regiment battles  
Ely Pte Bird kia – letter  
Littleport letter Serg Hall  
6 Prickwillow soldier saved by Princess Mary's gift box  
8 Witcham Serg Purell missing – pic & letter 9<sup>th</sup> p8  
Prickwillow Corp King pow  
Downham Pte H. Martin kia  
Littleport 4 brothers – Brislin – pic

1915 04 09

- 6 pic RAOB ambulance
- 8 soldier football – pic  
Sutton vicar's son, Capt Marshall kia – pic & service 16<sup>th</sup> p5

1915 04 16

- 2 new lighting order  
how can befriend somebody in trenches
- 5 Soham L/C Robinson kia – pic  
Prickwillow – letter Gage  
Littleport Pte Porter kia - pic & details p6  
Soham narrow escape – Sizer
- 6 Downham air raid – lights out order
- 8 Wilburton Warren commissioned

1915 04 23

- 5 Ely Pte Cox – burial service deserted  
Prickwillow resident describes Zeppelin raid over Lowestoft  
Adelaide Pte Lee kia – pic
- 8 Downham recruiting party to visit, details 30<sup>th</sup> p6

1915 04 30

- 3 New Explosives Company Stowmarket need 100 men – adv
- 5 Germans at Ely – 4 trainloads (2000 Germans) passed through, stopped at station & give water  
Littleport Harwood family – 5 in forces – pic
- 6 recruiting party visits
- 8 not Haddenham recruiting  
Witcham rifleman Giles wounded
- 8 Soham soldier letter – Stittle  
Prickwillow– letter Pte Pake appeal from trenches

1915 05 07

- 5 deserted arrested Downham Fen  
4<sup>th</sup> Suffolks at Oulton Broad – pic
- 8 Adelaide – Bird & Lee kia  
Sutton Belgian refugees return London  
Witcham fresh eggs for wounded  
Ely corps & Battle Ypres – letter

1915 05 14

- 3 Littleport Belgian colony & workshops for refugees – now 50
- 2 Soham recruiting
- 5 casualties – many killed & wounded  
Stuntney Pte Burns wounded  
Patriotic rhymes Frank Green pub'd
- 6 Manea officers vivid war pictures  
Ely fear Zeppelin attack – perhaps high-angle gun Cherry Hill
- 8 Lt Thetford – Lowe – 6 sons  
Prickwillow – Gage letter  
Soham – Rouse thrilling experiences  
Prickwillow – Edwards letter  
Soham – Steadman kia, pic 21<sup>st</sup> p8  
Stretham – Lythell d  
Downham – Belgian Cmte details



1915 05 21

- 5 Soham – Rouse now dies pic p8, service 28<sup>th</sup> p2
- 8 casualties
- Haddenham – Pte Ramsome kia
- Wardy Hill – Pte Parson dies hospital
- Sutton – 400 eggs wounded
- Prickwillow – Jakes, Mile End – 2 sons wounded

1915 05 28

- 5 Haddenham – Pte Rutherford wounded
- Chatteris call conscription instead of recruitment
- 5 R.M.A. sports – pic (acc p3)
- Ely – Pte Cross k – details
- 8 Soham – Geo Cook, Fred Sizer wounded
- Prickwillow – Harding wounded, Pake letter from hospital
- Witchford – Allen – letter about
- Ely – Serg-Major Black kia – pic
- Soham – J. Cook k, nursing wounded, ‘buck up Soham’ letter

1915 06 04

- 2 cricket on battle field letter
- 5 compulsory service urged
- rumour that soldiers Reading & Recreation Room ‘is on a good thing’
- 6 recruiting tour – 400 recruits obtained
- Sutton - roll of honour has 92 names, no names of pressed men will be put on roll
- 8 casualties
- Soham – Baker wounded
- Witcham – role of honour, list casualties
- Soham – Wells brothers at Ypres, one pow
- Littleport – Theobald k

1915 06 11

- 5 Prickwillow – Bonnett letter, Jakes wounded letter
- Littleport – Crabb pow letter
- Prickwillow – Gage poison gas letter (Shippea Hill), Edwards letter
- 6 ‘These boys didn’t shirk’ – adv showing casualties
- 7 Suffolk Yeomanry leave Ely
- 8 Littleport – refugees meet
- Col Archer pic
- Soham – Stittle kia pic
- Littleport – Theobald kia
- Stuntney – Osborne kia, 1<sup>st</sup> Stuntney man killed, pic 18<sup>th</sup> p8
- Mepal – roll of honour
- Black Horse Drove – German helmet exhibited

1915 06 18

- 5 Ely – guarding High Bridge
- 6 Mepal – men pictured in ‘didn’t shirk’ advert
- 8 Soham – Pte Sergeant pic
- Littleport – Dade wounded
- Haddenham – refugee ill

1915 06 25

- 5 Ely – deserter
- 8 Haddenham – await recruiting party
- Sutton – Clark missing

Sennitt kia – pic 2<sup>nd</sup> p9

1915 07 02

- 5 Ely – bridge guarding a waste of money – how fight German spy? military stopped guarding 2 months ago
- 7 National register to be compiled
- 8 Downham – Fordham gallantry – pic 9<sup>th</sup> p6
- Isleham – King's congratulations Whitehead 6 sons in army
- Recruiting tour, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham
- Stretham – Murfitt bravery, Baxter wounded – pic 16<sup>th</sup> p8
- Soham – Peacock wounded
- Littleport – Pledger missing, Peake wounded

1915 07 09

- 3 proposed than on approach hostile aircraft Ely jam hooter should be sounded
- 5 Lt Thetford – Pte Lowe kia
- 8 Soham – yeomanry, 1<sup>st</sup> since war
- Sutton – now 100 serving
- Prickwillow – 1 Edwards letter

1915 07 16

- 3 Soham – Boyce wounded – bullet through postcard – pic
- Sutton – Pte Fuller DCM – pic p8
- 5 Stretham – Pte Winter missing – pic p8
- 6 Downham – Pte Fryett missing – pic
- 8 Prickwillow – letters

1915 07 23

- 5 labour in harvest time
- Littleport – Gotobed letter re Dardanelles, Bacon missing
- Soham – Ames wounded
- 7 Cambridgeshire quota men, percentage serving
- 8 Sutton – R. Clark pow, C. Clark missing – pics
- Prickwillow – White missing – pic

1915 07 30

- 5 Ely – Capt Keenlyside killed – pic
- 8 Littleport – Starling killed – pic & notes
- Soham – Brown k
- Stretham – late Pte Sennitt

1915 08 06

- 5 Sutton – Gimbert missing – pic

1915 08 13

- 7 GER hospital train described
- 8 Soham – Starling (2) injured
- Downham – volunteer training corps described

1915 08 20

- 7 village war food societies
- 6 with 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridgeshires at the front
- 8 Wilburton – Belgian refugees leave for Yorks, there since January
- Soham – Talbot letter
- Witcham – Giles on leave

1915 08 27

- 5 Ely – volunteer training corps take on guarding of bridges
- 8 Soham – Boyce home
- Littleport – Thornhill home
- PoWs Doeberitz camp pic

1915 09 03

- 5 women & war – 13-year-old girl drives reaper
- 6 production of munitions – amateur ordnance volunteers
- 8 Stuntney – Rumsey wounded
- Soham – Gilbey severely wounded – pic
- Littleport – Pond, 4 sons away
- Soham – letter, Rouse letter
- Coveney – make 50 sandbags
- Littleport – Hall & Sallis sick leave
- Prickwillow – special constables guard railway bridge

1915 09 10

- 5 Littleport – Belgian subscriptions decline
- 8 War Office will not transport crosses for overseas graves
- Soham – Murfitt – pic in trenches
- Littleport – Knightall kia, pic 17<sup>th</sup> p8
- Soham – Peacock kia pic

1915 09 17

- 2 Ely – bridge guard account night on duty – interesting
- 3 Soham – Taylor missing – pic
- 5 Cathedral and air raid
- 7 Soham – Volunteer Training Corps formed
- 8 Littleport – Taylor kia, pic 24<sup>th</sup> pg
- Wicken – Jenkinson joins RFC, Royal Engineers parade

1915 09 24

- 2 Ely privates Gallipoli diary
- 8 Ely – deserter
- Soham – Reeve on leave

1915 10 01

- 3 Haddenham – Volunteer Corps formed
- 5 Ely – war work depot to be opened
- 6 women in military hospitals wanted to release men
- Cambridgeshire Regiment Diary
- 8 Lt Thetford – T. Mason missing, k – pic; J. Mason PoW – pic; poem
- Sutton – feast observation disappearing
- Soham – Peacock home

1915 10 08

- 3 Ely – war work depot; blackout
- 5 War Agricultural Cmte first meet
- 8 Prickwillow – Gooch letter
- Stuntney – roll of honour names
- Littleport – Pettit – 3 brothers pic
- Stuntney – Crick, Payton, Norden, Venney, Taylor wounded
- Downham – Fuller promoted; Volunteer Training Corps

Prickwillow – roll of honour over 50 names

1915 10 15

- 5 Ely – publication war poems E.H. Blakeney, head Kings  
Ely – wounded soldiers – military hospital Silver St opened last weekend; 14 wounded arrive; formerly headquarters Women's Conservative Association & used as club until war. Hospital built in days of old Militia under management Ely VAD ... considerable expense ... now familiar sight to see heroes from battlefields walking streets in their blue suits & Army hats & overcoats. Despite wounds cheerful ... seek gifts ... Dingle organises motor drives in county ... Appleyard offers free use of boats
- 8 Haddenham – Driver kia, ladies sewing meetings  
Lt Thetford – Dewsbury kia  
Littleport – Crabb pow – pic  
Stretham – Murfitt kia  
Downham – VTC meet  
Wicken – soldier's wedding, L/c Turner of Isleham

1915 10 22

- 2 new recruiting campaign – single men first  
'half-filled churches & broken Sabbaths' address  
Ely – 'still too much light', street corner to be whitened
- 8 Haddenham – nursing association formed  
Soham - : Lieut Morbey wounded. Crabb Pow, Gammon next in picture  
Wicken – Kettle unfit for active service again  
Burwell – Prewar kia  
Sutton – Gimbert kia

1915 10 29

- 2 Ely – war work depot opened by Bishop  
5 Ely – soldiers at hospital thank for entertainment  
8 Haddenham VTC  
Wilburton VTC  
Littleport – war work party

1915 11 05

- 3 scheme vol. obtaining recruits to start; tribunals to be set up ... determine who cannot be spared due special skills etc  
Ely – VTC interesting criticism
- 5 Ely – lighting order, first prosecution of van dweller for not screening his light
- 8 Ely – war hospital supply depot  
Littleport – postcard from PoW Crabbe; Thos Crabb kia, pic 12<sup>th</sup> p8  
Prickwillow – Nicholas enlist – pic, sends poem home  
Soham – Reeve w  
Stretham – memorial service dead S & Thetford

1915 11 12

- 5 little Belgians bring gifts Ely hospital
- 8 Stretham – Ayres wounded  
Wilburton – Belgian refugees statement account  
Soham – Jarrold kia, Sizer, Webb – pics; recruiting  
Downham recruiting  
Littleport – recruiting  
Haddenham – recruiting

1915 11 19

- 3 Isle War Ag Cmte

- 5 Ely – lighting prosecution; wounded entertained recently band arrives – includes Lieut Barker former of Haddenham women at work – voluntary service at hospital appeal for Christmas pudding
- 8 Prickwillow – Carpenter wounded, letter  
Soham – Belgian refugees, years excellent work; recruiting campaign  
Soham Reeve & Johnson on leave;  
Wicken – Jenkinson leave  
Wicken military entertainment for REAE  
Haddenham – recruiting  
Prickwillow – 10 more recruits

1915 11 26

- 3 tribunals – how applications considered
- 5 Sutton - Red Cross sale & VC Cockerell  
Ely – gift day PoWs; what hospital supply depot doing
- 8 Soham – Lockwood, gallant soldier  
Haddenham – ladies deliver garments hospital  
PoW group includes Mason of Grunty Fen  
Prickwillow – hero, Carpenter, pic  
Witcham – war workers  
Wicken – RE leave after Military Bridge work  
Downham – entertain Ely wounded soldiers, VTC  
Littleport – parcels prisoners

1915 12 03

- 3 VTC will be placed under military law
- 5 Ely – wounded, whist & entertainment
- 7 memorial service at Ely
- 8 Lt Thetford – Dewsbury kia pic  
Haddenham – war workers  
Downham – rector's son Thornton kia  
Littleport – brothers Banyard pic  
Col Archer appeal – letter  
Soham – loyalty A. Clark, Pte Lockwood recommended DCM  
Sutton – 1<sup>st</sup> work meeting new-formed war work depot

1915 12 10

- 2 Ely – ‘most light-saving town’
- 3 recruiting for county battalion
- 5 Ely – comforts for Territorials, 200 new recruits
- 6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – verse by Kingdon
- 8 Witcham – Giles kia  
Downham – recruiting canvass – 120 single men ‘backwards in coming forwards’; final meeting VTC – a failure, few attended  
Lt Ouse – roll honour  
Stretham – gets Gallipoli letter

1915 12 17

- 5 recruiting boom – detailed article, Ely, Littleport, Soham  
Ely – no troops billeted
- 8 Ely – war depot ‘at home’  
Haddenham war workers send to c40 men training in the this country parcel –  
Haddenham Gifford on leave;  
Witcham – Giles died of wounds – pic

Soham – Taylor kia  
Prickwillow all attested; Jas Bennett twice wounded, on leave

1915 12 24

- 5 Ely – whitened posts; Red Cross Hospital pic staff & patients
- 6 Army reservists called up  
new lighting orders
- 7 Littleport – Belgian colony, interesting report
- 8 Prickwillow – Rice news  
Soham – volunteer procession as enrolled body; zeppelin piquet now stationed  
Wicken – village smithy, poem  
Downham- Hull appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut

1915 12 31

- 3 years roll of honour – list
- 5 Ely – armlets issued recruits; how wounded spent Christmas

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1916 01 07

- 2 losses from Wisbech district during 1915
- 5 Soham soldier's letter  
Ely L/C Morris kia – pic
- 6 war & agriculture  
Cambridgeshire soldier's diary – cont  
Recruiting campaign  
Soham tradesman fined over lighting regulations
- 7 indiscriminate use of flashlight
- 8 Witcham collection for Ely war hospital supply depot  
Downham – list of men joined army

1916 01 14

- 2 Ely Volunteer training corps concert: address
- 3 War agricultural committee – duties  
Cambridgeshire men PoWs – list  
C.D. Kingdon's war hymn
- 5 deserter arrested Ely  
Ely billeting – no troops arrived yet
- 8 casualties  
Haddenham Serg. Steel wounded – pic 21<sup>st</sup> p8  
Prickwillow letter  
Stuntney – Pte Saberton kia – pic  
Soham lantern lecture on war  
Pymore woman takes man's job ploughing  
Downham – deserter delivering letters  
Littleport distribute khaki armlets  
Stuntney – Fretwell on leave  
Haddenham war workers

1916 01 21

- 3 'Men who stayed at home' – poem by Littleport soldier
- 4 Ely Belgians thank for collection
- 8 casualties  
Sutton – Wayman – distinguished service

Wicken – Siddell – kia  
A sketch at the front – pic  
Enlistment – men called – groups  
Soham letter from front  
Wicken Belgian refugee committee  
Isleham family moving Letchworth  
Littleport group recruits Nunn on leave,  
Patriotic family – Fyson – 8 sons  
Downham blackout now effective  
Haddenham Volunteer Training Corps abandoned, Wilburton flourishes  
Sutton – Wayman & Haddock on leave

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Col. Archer on horse – pic  
Casualties  
Witcham – Dewey – kia – pic  
Ely – Serg Fenn mentioned despatches  
Ely Butcher died hospital ship  
Soham soldier letter  
Haddenham War Relief Committee –one family Aldreth  
- Captain Barker – promotion  
Downham roll of honour  
Sutton hospital supply depot  
Manea memorial service - Newman

1916 02 04

3 PoW help cmte report  
war savings association set up  
5 Ely war funds committee meet  
Zeppelin raid – detailed censored - & p6  
6 women as farm workers  
8 casualties  
Manea – Smarte – kia – pic 11<sup>th</sup> p8  
Ely – Jones – wounded, Barnard – kia  
Littleport – Lewis – bravery  
Goodge – kia – pic 11<sup>th</sup> p8  
Ely – Stittle – leave  
Soham men receive tobacco – list  
Downham roll of honour

1916 02 11

2 Isle war agriculture problems – arrangements with soldiers  
 Military Service Act 1916 – notice farmers – exemptions etc  
 Employment of girls on land  
 Ely – death Pte Clarke on parade  
 5 Lessons of Zeppelin raid – one man took lantern & went out looking for  
 zeppelins  
 8 casualties  
 Sutton – Wayman – DCM  
 PoW letters of thanks  
 Cambridgeshire Regiment concert party – pics  
 Prickwillow – rumour Rev Scaresbrook a German – Baptist minister

1916 02 18

## 5 Ely lighting cases – military hospital

- soldiers wives 'well off' – reply
- 6 on active service – diary by R.W. Softly
- summons to single men – all called up on March 18<sup>th</sup>
- 8 eggs for wounded – organisation
- casualties
- Prickwillow – Fletcher – kia – pic 25<sup>th</sup> p8
- Coveney – Cox – kia – pic 25<sup>th</sup> p8
- Cambridgeshire Regiment clerical staff – pic
- Soham lighting reductions, letter of thanks from France
- Isleham – Belgian family thanks
- Littleport – Relief of Allies fund

1916 02 25

- 5 Ely VTC – like uniform ... possibility of invasion
- lighting prosecutions
- 8 Exemptions tribunals now public – Chatteris
- casualties
- Ely – Fenn – promoted [wedding 2<sup>nd</sup> June p5]
- Ely – letter re voyage home Dardanelles
- Pamment dies hospital – pic 2 March p8
- Soham – rumours death 4 Soham soldiers
- Peacock – lucky escape – letter
- Wicken – Lieut-Col. Slack death
- Cambridgeshire in furs – pic
- Downham entertain wounded
- Littleport – Lawrence on leave
- Wilburton – war funds society meeting
- Haddenham war workers
- Sutton war workers – parcel sent

1916 03 03

- 2 VTCs officially recognised by Government
- E.H. Blakeney publishes collected war poems
- 3 Tribunals – Walsoken, Marshland, Wisbech rural, Wisbech Borough & p6
- 5 Ely VTC address at annual meeting
- Ely lighting prosecutions
- 8 casualties
- Soham – Jones – wounded
- Littleport – Taylor – wounded – pic
- Ely – Pamment RN – pic
- Soham – German steel used in razor

1916 03 10

- 2 Isle committee help for disabled soldiers
- salaries officers
- Mepal musical war masque – pic 24<sup>th</sup> p5
- 3 Tribunals – Ely Urban
- includes Prickwillow – Butcher – milkman, Fryett – horse keeper, Cornwell – shepherd
- Adelaide – Day – horseman
- Tribunals – Wisbech
- 5 Ely air raid precautions
- 6 call to married men 19-26
- 8 casualties
- Stuntney lady home from Serbia



Adelaide – Pate – kia – pic 17<sup>th</sup> p8  
Haddenham – poem  
Ely letters gratitude  
Wentworth war working party fund concert

1916 03 17

- 2 North Witchford tribunal
- 3 Ladies recruiting committee – annual report
- 4 Ely rural tribunals  
Coveney – Neal, horse keeper, 3 months exemption, Sandford, Poole refused, Baker – 3 months Walker – refused  
Downham Miller – no, Shelton – no, Parsons, horse keeper – 2 months, Parsons – no (2<sup>nd</sup> son) , Hall – no, Pate – 6 months, Flanders – cowman etc – no, Taylor – horse keeper – no, Hobbs – farmer – exempt, Starling – total exemption, Thompson – 6 months, Chambers – 6 months, Pate – farmer – 6 months, Graham – 6 months, Vye – horse keeper – no, Flanders – no, Others not listed  
Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Witcham, Lt Thetford, Wilburton, Witchford
- 5 Soham lighting
- 6 Cambridgeshire & Isle appeal tribunal – constitution  
Soham – Elsdon – letter  
Sutton – Clark – kia, pic  
Littleport - biplane descends Laws – in big charge, wounded  
Soham – list where parcels sent to troops  
Littleport – war week – list items  
Downham – war funds – public meeting

1916 03 24

- 2 tribunals – Wisbech borough
- 3 tribunals – Ely Urban, North Witchford appeals, Whittlesey rural, Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
- 5 heaviest batches of appeals over  
Haddenham Red Cross sale, £350  
Ely stretcher display
- 6 Soham pastor criticises tribunal
- 8 Casualties  
Coveney Ding believed killed - pic  
Soham Edwards – d - pic  
Littleport Johnson kia – pic  
Downham Fuller – wounded – pic

1916 03 31

- 3 Tribunals – Ely rural, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witcham, Witchford  
Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
- 5 shorter lighting  
Ely barracks taken over by troops – VTC drills suspended  
Naval dinner
- 7 appeal tribunals – 1<sup>st</sup> sitting Isle – uphold decisions mostly; includes Soham, Wicken, Burwell
- 8 Wilburton Red Cross sale – long account:  
Soham – 1<sup>st</sup> batch Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry arrive by train Sunday, Billeted in Churchgate Street & High Street; City of London roughriders billeted one night; Middlesex main batch Tuesday; reception; Wednesday all left for Ely 2 am  
Wicken – conscientious objector – Robert Hawes, late of Wicken, in London

Isleham – Pte Payne w.  
Littleport – 1<sup>st</sup> real sight of soldiers – hundreds cavalry with heavy guns pass through  
Sutton war depot  
Haddenham Belgian families in Haddenham last 18 months left for London & employment

1916 04 07

3 appeal tribunal – Isle Ely – 56 cases & results p5  
5 Ely – what war workers doing  
8 Wilburton – Red Cross sale  
tribunals: Newmarket rural, Soham, Burwell  
PoW pictures include Ely – Bowles  
Casualties Sutton – Nichols w.  
Witcham – Atkin, believed d.  
Witchford – Young w.  
Littleport – Knightall – kia – pic

Tribunals North Witchford  
Soham – aeroplane seen canvassing – fully equipped model, Fitch on leave  
Wicken – Belgian fund, military visitor – Norman – after wounds  
Isleham – war pictures exhibited, Clarke & Collen leave  
Littleport – no buns on Good Friday due war, Murfitt Royal Field Artillery, 7 days leave

1916 04 14

2 appeal tribunals include Prickwillow, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford  
3 Newmarket rural tribunal  
8 casualties  
Downham Easy bros – pic  
PoW, one Boyce, Soham – pic  
Littleport Barber awarded Mc – pic  
Stretham conscientious objectors – letter about  
Witchford Young – w – pic  
Isleham Fleet on leave  
Wilburton memorial brass late L/c Croft unveiled

1916 04 21

2 appeal tribunals include, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford, Mepal, Coveney  
3 Ely rural tribunal – dissatisfaction in appeal results, members revolt, ‘making asses of tribunal, threatened to leave – Coveney, Ely munitions worker, Downham, Stretham, Sutton, Littleport, Witchford, Witcham, Wilburton  
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham  
Ely patriotic sale  
5 Ely urban tribunal  
Russian flag day  
French thanks for gifts  
6 Littleport parish council nervous re zeppelin raids  
8 Sutton Canon Marshall’s son kia  
Prickwillow Wilding kia – pic  
Cambridgeshire soldiers & conscientious objectors  
Wicken - roll honour – men join  
Prickwillow Leonard kia – letter, pic 28<sup>th</sup> p8  
Isleham - houses for wounded to hospital Cambridge, PoW collection

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- 5 Ely - soldier arrested for theft, War hospital supply depot – details
- 8 Soham - lighting prosecutions  
Wicken -Northants detachment arrive, located on Green, many witness arrival & departure after rested; on route march from Newmarket. When new road finished many will pass through & possibly halt as good water supply
- Wicken Pte Hawes missing
- Littleport Rayner on leave

1916 05 05

- 2 Appeal tribunal – Isle, majority dismissed; includes Littleport, Coveney, Haddenham – Ivatt, Mepal, Stretham, Thetford
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham & Fordham, many refusals
- 5 revision of certified occupations  
Stuntney lighting prosecutions
- 6 certified occupations – farmers – details
- 8 Soham 3 soldiers killed – Rouse, Aveling, Gilby – pic & funeral
- Sutton Smith d wounds, pic 12<sup>th</sup> p6, Bradshaw promoted

1916 05 12

- 2 North Witchford tribunal
- 5 Newmarket rural tribunal  
cinema tickets taxed  
Ely men summonsed failing to report – await trial 30 Jun p5  
Women on land – farmers pleased
- 6 daylight savings change  
War Ag – use women
- 8 casualties  
conscientious objectors letter  
Downham war work, ½-yearly meeting  
Soham – cavalry regiment 400 halted, arrived 7pm & to Angle common for night,  
Flying Fund – 9 parcels of tobacco sent  
Stretham patriotic spirit  
Isleham Clarke. Lieut Aldous on leave

1916 05 19

- 2 Sutton Wayman suicide whilst under arrest  
Isle Education – 12 exemptions wanted for headmasters
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunals – Soham, Isleham, Fordham, many conditional exemptions  
North Witchford tribunal  
Chatteris tribunal appeals – letter
- 5 daylight savings  
Appeal tribunals – Coveney, Haddenham, Stuntney, Ely, Downham, Shippea Hill  
Appeal for women war service – advert
- 8 casualties  
Stretham Wheeler wounded  
Pymore - war work class meets  
Wicken - feast but no bright lights  
Isleham - parcel for PoWs, 11 men joined up during week

1916 05 26

- 2 Ely Rural Tribunal – married men \* PM's pledge; interesting Littleport cases, decisions altered; also Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Wentworth, Witchford

- 3 farm labour shortage  
Ely urban tribunal  
Newmarket rural tribunal – librating men for harvest
- 5 Ely Russian flag day  
Ely PoWs gifts received  
Daylight saving – little grumbling
- 8 Soham Beeton kia – pic  
Littleport Cross wounded  
Stuntney West wounded  
Ely failure to report – case, Littleport & Downham  
Ely & Chatteris tribunals  
Soham - lying fund – list recipients, PoWs got tobacco from Ely Standard, boxes in shops  
Adelaide – school collects 10/- prisoners  
Stretham Stubbings wounded – letter  
Prickwillow Carpenter returns from 1<sup>st</sup> EGH, & We ... on train by ladies who thought them shirkers

1916 06 02

- 2 North Witchford tribunal – only one application refused  
Newmarket rural tribunal – results of cases, figures; Soham, Isleham, Burwell  
Ely tribunal – letter – anomalies
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunals
- 5 Ely Theological College & war – how affected  
military wedding – Fenn  
new ambulance train on view Ely station
- 6 Ely Russian Flag Day – record
- 8 tribunals – ‘to be more lenient small businessmen & conscientious objectors casualties  
Soham Edmunds missing  
Ely Cutlack promoted Lieut-Col  
Soham Langley kia – pic  
Witchford Barnes military funeral – pic  
Downham - letters from soldiers  
Lt Thetford – war work fund  
Isleham Audus on leave  
Stretham Stubbings lost eye  
Prickwillow – Russian Flag Day

1916 06 09

- 2 war pensions – Isle committee first meeting  
Newmarket rural tribunals – many conditional exemptions – farmers & women; include Soham, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell  
Adelaide farmer fails to report – tribunals criticised  
Cambridgeshire Regiment shooting competition  
Wisbech rural tribunal – agriculture claims
- 6 Cambs appeal tribunal – Soham, Haddenham exemptions, Fordham exemptions, Isleham turf digger temporary exemption
- 8 right to re-appeal; Have appeal tribunals exceeded powers?

1916 06 16

- 2 Ely rural tribunals – single men still loafing about; Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Mepal, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton  
Ely city tribunal
- 5 Kitchener memorial service

War Hospital supply depot 'at home'  
 Position RDC members on tribunal  
 6 Isle War Ag Committee – notice to farmers  
 7 Appeal tribunals – right to re-appeal; Ely urban, Littleport, Soham  
 8 Ely Serg Oakey gets French medal  
 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Burwell  
 Soham memorial service Kitchener  
 Wicken Hall kia  
 Downham feast – Russian accused being German – trial 30<sup>th</sup> June p8  
 War work distribution badges  
 Littleport Pettiitt prisoner returns – 21 months in camp; first in batch of  
 exchange prisoners tells of hardship  
 Sutton - acknowledgement of gifts, Kitchener memorial  
 Stretham - Kitchener memorial

1916 06 23

2 North Witchford rural tribunal  
 Newmarket rural tribunal – Burwell cement work employee  
 Soldier labour – employment on agricultural work  
 7 war pensions  
 8 casualties  
 Ely Bennett – shell shock  
 Prickwillow Cross died wounds, pic  
 Sutton Wayman, how won DCN  
 Littleport Pettitt PoW details  
 Soham – memorial service Kitchener  
 Isleham Goodchild & Whitehead on leave  
 Littleport Jones lucky escape, bullet through pack  
 Downham – aeroplane forced to land due engine trouble; detained all day, many  
 examined, 200 watched take off

1916 06 30

2 appeal tribunal – Burwell, Isleham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Witchford,  
 Wilburton  
 North Witchford tribunal  
 3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Fordham  
 5 Ely – soldier fined obscene language  
 appeal tribunal – Ely urban, Ely rural – Mepal, Coveney, Lt Downham  
 conscientious objectors – Ely man – Lowe  
 8 no pictures of casualties  
 Ely Fenn gets DCM  
 Soham – Red Cross sale includes nose of German shell  
 Sutton – War Hospital supply depot – details goods despatched  
 Prickwillow – aeroplane crash – 'aeroplanes becoming such a common sight that few  
 take notice; last Saturday afternoon nine flew over'  
 Witcham – Ely war hospital weekly collections

1916 07 07

3 Ely rural tribunal – 300 applications – Lt Downham, Coveney, Wilburton, Thetford,  
 Stretham, Sutton, Wentworth, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Mepal, Littleport  
 Newmarket rural tribunal – several young Soham men exempted; Wicken, Isleham,  
 Burwell  
 5 Mrs Greenstreet matron Ely military hospital for seven months, appointed matron larger  
 hospital Royston. Presented with wallet & pen

War Funds Society distributes money including Ladies Recruiting and Comforts for Troops committee, established 1914 – details of work

6 Ely urban tribunal – includes Vernon Cross

8 casualties

Ely drummer Gotobed wounded

Wilburton Pte Hopkin wins Military Medal – letter & pic; wounded 14<sup>th</sup> p8

Ely Moden kia, Tingey wounded - pic

Stuntney Rev Mowbray Smith, formerly curate, under fire

Soham letters appreciation re cigarettes; Flying fund details

Isleham Webber on sick leave

Wilburton – Volunteer Training Corps shooting match

1916 07 14

2 Newmarket rural tribunal – 30 Soham men exempted; Wicken, Burwell

3 Chatteris – conscientious objector; those exempted to join VTC; conscientious objector H.W. Near, 31, married, no family, draper, Society of Friends – would rather be killed than kill. The chairman said applicant ought to live in a country by himself, willing to take all the benefits of the country without doing anything for it. Applicant said could not put even his business before his conscience. Allowed till October 11<sup>th</sup>

5 “This is War Savings Week” advert

Ely Military Hospital reopened after cleaning; 14 patients arrive by 5.20 train & drive in motor cars to Silver Street

Russian bed fund – establish and Ely bed in Petrograd Hospital

6 North Witchford rural tribunal

7 Ely appeal tribunal

8 heavy casualties Cambridgeshire men – wounded very numerous – list

Ely

Littleport Sallis died wounded – both legs cut off;

Butcher wounded - received postcard

Soham fourteen wounded – brief details; all but 3 11<sup>th</sup> Suffolks -

Fuller, Coulson, West (2), Gammon, Bailey, Murfitt, Audus, Challis, Badcock (2),

Peacock, Johnson, Preston, Woodruffe, Sizer, Isaacson

Prickwillow – men suffer severely

Lee letter home – ‘it was murder’, pic 21 p8, Preston wounded,

Watts wounded – letter, Norman, Palmer, White

Haddenham Hostler kia

Wilburton Hopkin wounded, previously Military Medal

Stuntney West kia – details & pic 21<sup>st</sup> p8

Prisoners worse off, no parcels get through; stop sending the

Downham – 2 epidemics – bronchial affections & war exemptions for children

Prickwillow – news from troops

Isleham, leave Curtis & Fuller (2), Houghton wounded, Balls wounded

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2 Soham Badcock kia, pic p8, Murfitt kia pic p8

Littleport Sallis dies wounds, his poem, pic p8

Newmarket rural tribunal, Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Wicken, Burwell, Swaffham

3 Wisbech rural tribunal – 400 applications

4 Ely cinema – ‘An insult to the flag’ – patriotic drama  
farmers to apply for soldier labour – advert

5 Ely war hospital supply depot needs workers

French wounded – letter of thanks

Cambridgeshire appeal tribunal, Isleham, Soham

Ely rural tribunal – many exemptions, ‘thoroughly considered by Advisory Committee’;  
Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Lt Thetford,  
Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford

6 ‘Sunday Schools as munitions factories’ – lecture

‘War costing £6 million a day’

8 more casualties – list & pic

Ely

Stockdale missing – pic

Stuntney

Sutton – aeroplane descent

Isleham on leave

Cornwell, Brown (2), Talbot, Fleet

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3 Ely Rural tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Mepal, Sutton, Witchford, Haddenham,  
Littleport, Stretham, Thetford, Wilburton, Witcham

Newmarket rural – Cole Ambrose & his men – a few recruit

5 Littleport – hospitals £178 raised

Ely – seats for wounded soldiers

6 Ely urban tribunal – over 100 applications

7 Appeal tribunal

Chatteris – conscientious = Near, willing do work Friends Ambulance Unit; a Friend  
since 1895, sincere in views; ‘what would you do if Germans attacked wife?’ ‘would not kill  
him’; exemption provided joined Ambulance unit

8 man more killed & wounded – list

Ely

Littleport

Glover kia, pic 4<sup>th</sup> p8, Woods missing, pic 4<sup>th</sup> p8, Fyson died

wounds, Cross kia

Soham

Challis died pneumonia – pic

Sutton

Marshall mentioned despatches, kia – Dardanelles – pic

Downham

Missin kia, pic 4<sup>th</sup> p8

Prickwillow

Norman ‘sick’

Isleham

Houghton died wounds

Territorial Association meeting

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5 Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire; raider heard approaching some little time before three  
incendiary bombs dropped which burned brightly & lit up neighbourhood, but the two  
explosive bombs fell in hedge & potato field – each made hole four feet deep, 12’ diameter;  
no damage except cracked windows. Another raid England, anti-aircraft guns in action & one  
ship hit – the L11

casualties

Ely

Royston died wounds

Littleport

Pledger killed Gallipoli

Stretham

Baxter killed

6 Littleport

Cross kia, pic p8

7 appeal tribunal – Littleport, Stretham, other local

8 Newmarket rural tribunal

Soham

Leonard home after treatment wounds eyes; appreciation letter

from front

Haddenham – aeroplane descent, Orris Brown field, airman in distress; trophy left  
behind – tyre fell in crowd

1916 08 11

2 North Witchford tribunal

Wisbech rural tribunal

Ely Cathedral war anniversary service

- Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Fordham, Soham
- 5 casualties list
- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| Littleport | Furnell wounded, pic 11 <sup>th</sup> p8  |
| Stretham   | Baxter official notification, Constable wounded   |
| Soham      | Papworth kia, pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8, King kia, pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8, Gilby kia, pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8 |
| Ely        | Covill, Military Medal  |
- Soldier labour for harvest, 27,000 soldiers allocated
- 6 Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire – ‘this way to Zeppelin pits, admission 3d’ said town constable at gate field – enormous queue – farmer’s wife sat at table counting money & in centre top explosive bomb; pub closed as beer all drunk. Guided through trampled potato parch to field of oats & pit just deep enough for children to play hide & seek. 20 yards further on another. One cow struck by fragments of metal & needed vet. Had seen zeppelin before & had good warning but most went to bed. Half-hour after midnight heard faint buzz of engine, then incendiary on edge of ditch causing fire ... then two explosive bombs & two more incendiaries fell on meadow land. Airship came from SE hovered for few minutes, described a circle & made off NE. Station master showed in office an incendiary bomb, structure intact & little damaged – said saw airship from station platform – thin black pencil in starry sky, was much brighter than last Zeppelin & thinks improved silencers in engines as noise faint. Felt quite helpless. Incendiary bombs each made big blaze. Just after bombs dropped a mist came up & saw nothing more of airship
- soldiers for harvest – wage rates
- 7 Ely war hero’s funeral Royston
- 8 Cambridgeshire Regiment changes – Major Archer transferred reserves
- Appeal tribunal, Ely, Downham
- Littleport church death march in hour of Ellis, Blunt etc
- Soham pulpit reference to war & memorial service fallen
- Isleham Cornwell missing
- Isleham aeroplane descent, East Fen Drove, soon left
- Littleport Missin missing – pic
- Mepal Giddens wounded – pic

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- 5 Ely surprise no military honours at funeral Royston; gifts for soldiers – letter thanks for clean clothes; letter from South Africa – Negus
- Ely rural tribunal – exemptions young single men; Mepal, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Sutton, Wilburton
- Ely urban tribunal
- Chatteris tribunal – exemptions
- 6 many more casualties
- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Ely              | Drake kia, Jugg military medal, Gent - hospital                        |
| Soham, four more | Clements k, pic p8, Bailey, pic p8 & obit, Leonard pic p8, Cook pic p8 |
- 7 North Witchford Tribunal
- 8 casualties – long lost
- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| Ely        |  |
| Littleport | Thornhill missing, Rayner, w. pic 25 <sup>th</sup> p8, Johnson w |
| Wilburton  | Hopkins w, Sulman w,   |
| Sutton     | Wright kia, pic  |
| Littleport | Freaser kia, pic   |
| Soham      | Edwards – letter   |

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- 3 ‘sweated women war workers’, Wisbech
- 5 Ely more wounded arrive, hospital extended into Theological College; 15 wounded soldiers – now 30 receiving treatment in Ely



- 6 casualties – another big list
  - Ely Lee, policeman, w, Stockdale, Lieut, now d, Beer missing
  - Doddington
  - Littleport lady's voluntary work – Miss Heygate at YMCA hut near Paddington

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- 5 Fordham Pryke kia
  - Thetford Dewsbury wounded, pic p8
  - Stretham Wesley kia, pic 16<sup>th</sup> p8
- 6 casualties
  - Stuntney Mayle kia
  - Ely roll of honour, killed or wounded
  - Zeppelin raid on coast
- 8 Ely lighting prosecutions
  - Oxlode Powers wounded
  - Sutton war hospital supply depot
  - Haddenham Whetstone wounded
  - Haddenham - Aeroplane descends storm, 3<sup>rd</sup> recently landed
  - Prickwillow White missing, presumed d
  - Littleport volunteer force formed
  - Ely Lee wounded, pic
  - Little Ouse Bendle wounded, pic

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- 3 Littleport volunteers, elect secretary & committee
  - Ely – Lee poem 'Grerat Adventure'
  - Casualties
    - Manea Hill kia, pic p8
    - Ely Pamment awarded DCM, pic p8
  - 'rats as big as terrier dogs' letter
  - Wilburton Alsop brothers one killed, one wounded pic 15<sup>th</sup> p8
  - Ely lighting – enforcement still necessary
  - Thetford Gent visited in hospital
  - Soham wounded soldiers concert
- 6 Zeppelin shot down near London, 13 attacked; another damaged; gondola found in East Anglia
- 8 casualties list
  - Stretham Constable kia, pic 15<sup>th</sup> p8
  - Oxlode Pearson missing
  - Soham thanks from front
  - Wicken on leave Beane, Bailey
  - Isleham on leave Cornwell wounded
  - Isleham - Prisoners of war parcels, meeting, collection
  - Littleport Volunteers first drill in Public Hall, Band starts fund assist wives visit wounded sons
  - Downham school given pictures Kitchener & Jellicoe

1916 09 15

- 2 war pensions – Isle committee meet
- 5 Ely man, Dimmock, appointed Commandant Mitcham Hospital
  - Chatteris - airship passed over
- 6 casualties
  - Ely
  - Downham Jefferson wounded
- 8 Ely Dr Harris' son kia

Stretham	Bullman kia, pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8
Prickwillow	Lambert kia, Stearman wounded, White details, Bonnett
wounded again	
Haddenham	Lown wounded, pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8
Downham	Hobbs wounded, pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8, Green, Smith in hospital
Littleport	Titchmarsh wounded, letter from chaplain, pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8, Stute
wounded pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8	
Ely	Fielding Military Medal
March tribunal – military press for businessmen	
Soham blind soldier makes collecting box	
Wicken soldiers from Fordham military hospital visit	
Isleham on leave	Balls, Cornwell, Smith, Owers
Soham	Prike kia

1916 09 22

2	appeals tribunal, Burwell
3	Wisbech Borough tribunal
	British graves in France – how they will be looked after
6	fear of the new ‘tanks’
	casualties – Ely
8	Ely – six seats for wounded soldiers
	casualties list
	Soham Powson, Mann, Lockwood k; pic p8
	Prickwillow Gage died wounds, pic 6 <sup>th</sup> p8
	Coveney Coulson missing, pic 6 <sup>th</sup> p8
	Littleport Thornhill prisoner, Thompson kia, pic 6 <sup>th</sup> p8
	Manea Mason military medal
	Ely Jones military medal
	Downham news of Green, Moxon, Wright

1916 09 29

2	appeal tribunal, Wisbech conscientious objector
	Newmarket rural
	Ely rural – Sutton, Lt Downham, Littleport
	Ely urban
3	Ely urban tribunal – tradesmen
	Ely rural tribunal – Coveney, Haddenham, Lt Downham, Wilburton, Littleport, Sutton,
	Stretham, Witcham, Witchford
	Sutton farmer employs unexempted men – 1 <sup>st</sup> case under new act
5	editorial – Zeppelin raids ineffective
	deserters hiding Chettisham
	procuring beer for soldiers
	Littleport deserter
6	Zeppelin raid details (not Cambs)
8	casualties list
	Ely
	Adelaide Gathercole kia
	Soham Turner, Hitch wounded, pic 13 <sup>th</sup> p8
	Downham Hull wounded
	Stuntney Moden died wounds
	Isleham Taylor on leave
	Littleport debate whether to have a Feast next year
	Downham Carter in hospital
	Sutton Pte Herbert Law military funeral
	Stuntney church ‘war corner’ gets extra photo

1916 10 06

- 2 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Wicken  
letter re cycle lights during blackout
- 3 comforts for soldiers – renewed appeal, list garments
- 5 casualties list  
Ely  
Mepal Pearson w. pic 13<sup>th</sup> p8  
Witchford Adeane w. pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8  
Littleport Crabb d.w. pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8, Knightall kia pic 13<sup>th</sup> p8  
Soham Mann m., brother d.w, two others serving, pic 13<sup>th</sup> p8; Reeve m
- 6 Zeppelins – 4<sup>th</sup> brought down, fell in Essex
- 7 North Witchford tribunal
- 8 Soham women workers earn 18/- to £1 per week, scaremongering re zeppelins  
Littleport mother help visit wounded son  
Stuntney Taylor has fever, Macedonia, Burns promoted corporal  
Prickwillow news Taylor, Edwards, Stearman pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8, Taylor, Lee  
Soham volunteers – plain speaking a public meeting, men who rest behind their  
exemptions  
Chettisham volunteers inspected  
Advert Sunlight Soap – reduce price due navy  
Women workers series - cocoa

1916 10 13

- 3 Newmarket Rural tribunal, many conditional exemptions: Soham, Fordham, Wicken  
Isleham
- 5 Oxloade man absentee arrested  
Soham man – Whitely commits suicide, depressed on having to join army  
Casualty lists  
Ely Sellers, once of Curry's Cycle shop  
Downham Hall w., pic 20<sup>th</sup> pg  
Haddenham Pettengell w., pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8
- 6 County tribunal – many appeals dismissed
- 8 casualties  
Littleport Pearson kia  
Prickwillow Palmer kia  
Soham - Volunteer movement going strong  
Isleham Curtis kia  
Littleport - price increase due labour costs  
Prickwillow - collect for Xmas presents soldiers  
Adelaide Gathercole kia – pic  
Littleport Warely kia – pic

1916 10 20

- 2 Newmarket rural tribunal – smallholders refused exemption; Soham, Isleham, Fordham,  
Wicken, Burwell, Upware
- 2 North Witchford Tribunal  
Military medals to Cambridgeshire and Suffolk man – list
- 3 Isle War pensions committee
- 8 casualties  
Ely Serg Newby gets military medal  
Mepal Sykes w. pic 27<sup>th</sup> p8  
Prickwillow Butcher w., Dew w pic 27<sup>th</sup> p8, Palmer missing pic p8  
Littleport Plant, (10 Mile Bank) w. pic 27<sup>th</sup> p8, Walls kia, pic 12<sup>th</sup> p8, Perry  
kia

Soham	Newman previously missing, now dead
Soham - Send parcels to 13 prisoners of war, Zeppelin relic – wire to be sold 1/- piece,	
Volunteer company – 42 parade, Earlier shopping	
Isleham	Balls discharged unfit following wound
Downham	Green wounded
Stuntney	McGee wounded
Littleport	Crabb dies wounds, pic
	Peacock killed, pic
Sutton	Lowe dies wounds – pic

1916 10 27

3 Ely rural tribunal, ‘the most lenient in England’; Coveney, Lt Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witchford  
 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham, Upware, Swaffham  
 Prior, Burwell  
 conscientious objector Frank Woodroffe, Primitive Methodist  
 County appeals tribunal; Burwell – Colchester & Ball appeal for men in fertiliser works

regulations for despatch PoW parcels

5 Ely urban tribunal  
 Cambridgeshire Regiment in action – German redoubt captured  
 Casualties list, Ely

6 North Witchford tribunal – another big list of applications

8 casualties

Soham	Palmer kia, Webb w. pic 3 <sup>rd</sup> p8, Edmunds w, Beeton w. Canham w. pic 10 <sup>th</sup> p8
Sutton	Dunklin – two sons wounded, Low w.
Littleport	Lofts w. pic p8, Smith w.
Downham	Jordan kia, pic p8
Stuntney	McGee kia, Burns w. pic 3 <sup>rd</sup> p8

Soham volunteers now in sections  
 PoW thanks for gifts  
 ‘Our Day’ – 225 Zeppelin wire mementos sold  
 Littleport - Zeppelin souvenirs  
 Downham – all Downham soldiers items published in columns are being preserved and will be presented in book form to parish for a lasting reference; correspondent Sedley investigating every rumour  
 War Work Association half-yearly meeting  
 Wilburton collect for wounded  
 Haddenham war work to restart  
 Chatteris man walks into lamp post during blackout

1916 11 03

2 Wisbech Borough Tribunal  
 Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Wicken, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell, Soham minister & a conscientious objector, scoffs & jeers  
 Conscientious objector Woodroffe refused by allowed appeal

5 air raid precautions details  
 March Tribunal  
 Casualty list  
 Ely

Soham	Ames w. pic p8, Johnson, w,
Stuntney	McGee died wounded, other son ‘missing’ same day pic.p8,

Norden died wounds pic p8

Downham	Martin w. pic 10 <sup>th</sup> p8
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|   | Littleport   | Cox died wounds                                   |
|   | Manea  | Mann wins Military Medal, pic 10 <sup>th</sup> p8 |
|   | Sutton   | Marshall mentioned in despatches                  |
| 6 | appeals tribunal – Ely & Newmarket rural cases; majority dismissed; Downham, Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Soham, Isleham |   |
| 8 | Soham early closing observed   |   |
|   | Wicken volunteers 1 <sup>st</sup> drill  |   |
|   | Downham  | Hall promoted                                     |

1916 11 10

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| 2 | appeal tribunal, North Witchford rural, Whittlesey, Wisbech         |  |
| 3 | Wisbech rural tribunal  |  |
| 5 | County tribunal force association meeting                           |  |
| 6 | Newmarket rural tribunal, many Isleham cases                        |  |
| 8 | casualties  |  |
|   | Soham   | Fellingham w., pic 17 <sup>th</sup> p8, Bailey w, Shaw w, Brown w. pic p8  |
|   | Littleport  | Jones kia  |
|   | Stuntney  | McGee, news of 3 sons same day, pic p8   |
|   | Stretham  | Howe kia, pic 17 <sup>th</sup> p8  |
|   | Manea   | Phillips dead  |
|   | Downham   | Hopkin experiences, letter pic 17 <sup>th</sup> p9   |
|   | Soham appeal for information and photos casualties; volunteer drill |  |
|   | Stuntney  | Burns, corp. almost recovered from wound in left arm but arm practically useless; getting special electrical treatment |

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| 3 | Wisbech Borough tribunal   |  |
|   | Newmarket rural tribunal, several Soham claimants, Fordham, Wicken |  |
| 5 | absentee arrested  |  |
|   | Ely rally of Red Cross nurses & voluntary stretcher bearers        |  |
|   | War hospital supply depot, Barton Road                             |  |
|   | Ely city band lost drum – details                                  |  |
|   | Isleham  | Clarke – 6 of 9 brothers in army             |
|   | Ely – 9 charged absent without leave                               |  |
| 6 | North Witchford Tribunal   |  |
| 8 | casualties   |  |
|   | Pymore   | Jordan w.                                    |
|   | Littleport   | Tuck kia                                     |
|   | Downham  | Barrett kia, pic 24 <sup>th</sup> p8         |
|   | Manea  | Clarke died wounded, pic 24 <sup>th</sup> p8 |
|   | Isleham  | Cornwell now dead                            |

Littleport - gifts PoWs

1916 11 24

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| 2 | appeal tribunal Wisbech   |  |
|   | Elm conscientious objector – appeal dismissed   |  |
|   | Appeals tribunal Ely, Witchford, Fordham, Soham, Isleham, Coveney, Downham  |  |
| 3 | war & agriculture – strong criticism of military authorities  |  |
|   | Chatteris tribunal  |  |
|   | Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Aldreth, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton, Witchford, Witcham Gravel |  |
| 5 | Ely aeronaut loops loop   |  |
|   | Ely urban tribunal  |  |

- ‘smokes’ for soldiers – big push of local fund  
casualties list in attack October 10<sup>th</sup> – long list
- 6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham exempted
- 8 casualties
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|-------------|--|
| Soham       | Turner w. pic p8, Coulson medal pic 1 <sup>st</sup> p8 |
| Prickwillow | Bonnett w., Jakes w, Sindhall ill                      |
| Downham     | M’Laren kia, pic 1 <sup>st</sup> p8                    |
| Littleport  | Tuck kia (detail) pic                                  |
| Haddenham   | Hawes w  |
| Stretham    | Hitch m (pic)  |
| Pymore      | Jordham w  |
| Coates      | 8 wounded soldiers pic                                 |

Appeal tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham  
Littleport luxuries for local soldiers; volunteers drill  
Sutton aeroplane crashes on descent; volunteer force newly formed

1916 12 01

- 1 Chemico body shield, bullet resisting, bayonet proof, on display Wallbro window
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
- 4 Ely hospital entertainment
- 5 Newmarket tribunal act re volunteers
- 6 appeal tribunal – Ely, Haddenham, Sutton, Lt Thetford, Witchford
- 8 casualties
- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Adelaide    | Seekings died wounds pic 8 p8                            |
| Prickwillow | Weller w pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8                          |
| Witchford   | Watson kia pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8                        |
| Littleport  | Howlett died wounded pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8              |
| Manea       | Youngs letter, Moate w, Smith DCM pic 8 <sup>th</sup> p8 |
| Sutton      | Johnson kia pic, Nunn k                                  |

Soham thanks from front for cigarettes

Downham air raid – insure before it happens, one £80 claim already paid through L.W.

Sedley – advert

1916 12 08

- 2 substitution scheme for agricultural labour – swap men for those called up; complaints against military appeals
- Coates soldier describes attach
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunal, butcher refused exemption through declining to join volunteers; Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Burwell
- Wisbech all wounded soldiers ordered from VAD Hospital to Cambridge following outbreak of typhoid
- 5 Shippea Hill man arrested as deserter
- Ely farewell concerns for four wounded soldiers receiving treatment at Ely
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| Stonea | Aveling memorial service |
| 6 Ely  | Crofts funeral l/c       |

1916 12 15

- 3 Wisbech hospital, why the soldiers went
- 8 casualties
- |            |                                      |
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| Soham      | Bailey kia pic                       |
| Sutton     | Faux w, pic                          |
| Haddenham  | Clark not missing, wounded           |
| Littleport | Lawrence kia pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8 |

Stretham	Wheeler kia pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8, Hazel w. pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8, Swan Military Medal
Downham	Shelton convalescing, Fuller wounded
Littleport	Rogers promoted
Thetford	Wright Military Medal pic

Littleport - opening of rifle range  
Pymore - patriotic jumble sale

1916 12 22

- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
- North Witchford rural tribunal
- 5 Ely blackout – problems seeing lamp posts; sewing party send presents Cambridgeshire Regiment
- Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham merchant's great loss, Soham, Fordham, Burwell, Wicken
- Ely urban tribunal – all day sitting
- 6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – brilliant achievements
- war savings – Isle Committee formed
- 8 casualties – a light list
- Soham Eley w pic
- Witcham Saberton missing pic
- Mepal Hall kia
- Soham 'circumstances have made familiar Christmas parties almost a fiasco ... hope for peace'
- Downham – spherical balloon passed over – a shock similar to finding dodo amongst poultry

1916 12 29

- 7 Ely volunteers inspection
- 8 casualties – light list
- Soham West w
- Downham Hull on home from hospital
- Stretham Asplin on home leave
- Stretham patriotic carol singers

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1917 01 05

- 3 Ely Rural tribunals – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford
- 5 Ely military funeral Pte Gathercole
- Soham flying fund successful effort
- 6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Burwell
- 8 casualties
- Thetford Newman m
- Manea Edwards Military Medal
- Haddenham Carman dw pic
- Prickwillow Paine w pic
- Soham West w pic
- Downham Hull slightly better
- Littleport - war work party
- Isleham Prisoner of war collection from Jan-Aug 7 men from Isleham on the list and each had monthly parcel of food worth 6/- sent. On 30 August L/C Whitehead added & Thursday last L/C Pitty wrote to say that he PoW

1917 01 12 – the WAR stories NOT FOUND

- 3 Increasing food supply, German prisoner labour  
Isleham's family's fine record - 6 in service  
Military labour - farmer had 4 soldiers, 3 dare not stand on corn stack, work too hard
- 8 Littleport - meteor

1917 01 19

- 3 Ely teacher sues man who called him slacker  
Downham proposed cultivation of common  
Correspondents to confine reports to not more than a quarter of a column
- 5 Women & the war - public meet, Ely
- 8 war savings meetings  
casualties list  
Soham                      Challis kia  
Wicken                    Bailey w pic 26<sup>th</sup> p8  
Stretham                Lowe d  
Ely                        Wayman DCC pic 26 p8  
Soham thanks from Salonika, Volunteers presentation  
Wicken volunteers inspected

1917 01 26

- 2 North Witchford tribunals – applicants to joint volunteers
- 3 food production – war ag meeting
- 5 Ely war hospital supply depot wants workers  
Absent without leave  
Military funeral        Pte Everett
- 6 call up at 18, previously 18 yrs 7 months  
war savings meeting  
Ely urban tribunal – long sitting
- 8 casualties lists  
Downham                Carter kia pic 2<sup>nd</sup> p8  
Ely                        Skeels Military Medal pic 2<sup>nd</sup> p8  
Haddenham war work meeting  
Littleport men not joining volunteers  
Mepal                    Hall kia pic

1917 02 02

- 2 Ely volunteers recruiting meeting
- 6 soldiers for farm work – how they can be obtained  
Cambridgeshire Regiment medals
- 8 casualties – brief list  
Ely appeal tribunal  
Lt Thetford – 6 join Stretham company Volunteer force  
Lt Thetford                Newman 'missing' now prisoner

1917 02 09

- 2 Ely rural tribunal appeal by military representative – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wentworth, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wicken, Witchford
- 5 Ely military hospital wants gramophone – rec'd 16<sup>th</sup> p5  
M.C. Fielding, field ambulance transfers RFC  
Wilburton - death Mrs Claude Pell, funeral 16<sup>th</sup> p6
- 8 casualties  
Manea                    Haylett kia  
Downham                Saberton lost leg, pic 16<sup>th</sup> p8, Saberton & Flanders on leave



Downham - Volunteer movement extended  
 Littleport Cross w pic  
 Witcham war savings committee  
 Volunteer training corps - figures for villages  
 Witcham – retirement Mary Dickerson, postmistress for 45 years

1917 02 16

- 2 Appeal tribunal Ely & Newmarket  
 North Witchford tribunal
- 5 Ely's teacher's experiences in France, many absentees arrested  
 Soham lot of soldiers receive parcels
- 8 Soham Bailey DCM, Seal MM pic 23rd p8  
 Haddenham Steel DCM  
 Littleport Spring on leave  
 Pymore - war savings committee  
 Manea - Volunteer corps formed

1917 02 23

- 2 appeal tribunal – very few exemptions, including Sutton – Drake threshing tackle,  
 Downham, Littleport
- 6 Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Fordham, Burwell, Lode  
 Soham family's sad war record, 5 brothers enlisted, 4 killed, one PoW
- 8 Downham Green kia pic 2<sup>nd</sup> p8  
 Manea Sears w  
 Soham Flying Fund affected by new customs regulations - smallest amount sent is  
 200 cigs; Ed can no longer give names for parcels  
 Haddenham war work fortnightly meeting  
 Littleport concert features artists returned from entertaining troops, France  
 Prickwillow – 40 drill  
 Downham Hobs recovering wound, soon expected on leave  
 Stretham Cambridge Volunteers concert

1917 03 02

- 2 War savings - what Ely & villages are doing  
 North Witchford tribunal
- 5 Ely rural tribunal – Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth,  
 Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford  
 Mepal - porpoise captured at bridge
- 6 tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham Littleport
- 8 Littleport asked adopt Pow -, 2/6 week for parcel  
 Littleport band hard hit by war - all eligible called up, no drums  
 Coveney war savings association formed  
 Sutton war savings association formed  
 Littleport Goodge d pic  
 Ely Vale MM  
 Downham Yardy w  
 Wicken – R. Aspland correspondent for 50 years, ill

1917 03 09

- 2 Appeal tribunal – Littleport, Wilburton, Haddenham Witchford, Lt Downham;  
 adjourned, Soham, Lt Downham, Oxloode, Sutton, Lt Thetford  
 Ely Rural tribunal – Sutton, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal  
 Ely urban  
 Wisbech rural  
 Prickwillow – Kingdon to resign, account of accident in London

- 3 Soldiers for land, war office to release 22,500, prisoners not to be used
- 5 Ely war savings association  
Sunday postal delivery likely to be abolished
- 6 Ely volunteers annual meeting
- 8 casualties  
Downham Rudderham d pneumonia pic 23<sup>rd</sup> p8, Bye exposure, Yardy w pic  
Guyhirn Norman kia  
Territorial Regiment 3,000 strong  
Witchford discuss war savings  
Littleport Furnell returns front, twice wounded, once gassed  
Littleport memorial board to be unveiled  
Downham Smith on leave  
Downham - War savings – good start

1917 03 16

- 2 Wisbech rural tribunal
- 3 appeal tribunals  
Newmarket rural – Soham, Fordham, Ashley, Wicken, Isleham, Coveney  
Ely urban  
Ely rural – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Wentworth  
North Witchford
- 5 appeals – 55 appeals, all but 3 fresh  
Ely RDC consider interviewing for volunteers National Industrial Service
- 8 Newmarket tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham  
casualties  
Littleport Elsegood d w pic 23 p8, Sickerson dw pic 23<sup>rd</sup> p8, Hawkes  
convalescing pic 30 p9  
Littleport Memorial unveiled, 39 names  
Prickwillow Bonnett letter  
Downham Saveal, Cornwell on leave, Butcher  
Sutton war savings association starts

1917 03 23

- 2 appeal tribunals – Wisbech rural, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely Urban  
National Service recruiting campaign
- 3 Tribunal Newmarket Rural – Soham, Burwell, Wicken Fordham
- 5 aeroplane lands between Ely & Lt Thetford
- 6 National service and agriculture: how farmers can obtain labour
- 8 casualties  
Soham Frost kia  
Mustard growing prohibited, no demand for soldier labour  
Haddenham war work meeting  
Wilburton war savings  
Adelaide war savings association formed

1917 03 30

- 2 North Witchford tribunal  
Ely – more absentees, volunteer news, War Hospital supply depot get letter  
No private petrol – drastic new restrictions
- 6 Littleport Parish Council oppose National Service
- 8 casualties  
Littleport Hawkins w again, Stimson w, Barrett distinguished service pic  
Prickwillow war savings association

1917 04 06

- 2 appeal tribunals, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely – Downham, Coveney, Witcham, Stretham, Wilburton, Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Ely urban
- 4 Prickwillow – Kingdon's resignation
- 6 Ely A Company volunteer force drill together for first time
- 5 Sutton Wright on mined ship – letter
- 8 casualties
- Soham Brown kia
- Littleport Murfitt w, pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8
- Thetford Taylor w, pic 20<sup>th</sup> p8
- Witchford - war work party have made 311 garments

1917 04 13

- 2 Ely district war funds society
- Chatteris tribunal, agricultural men to work 10 hours a day
- 3 North Witchford tribunal
- 5 volunteer parade
- Ely rural tribunal, many military reviews, long day's sitting – Downham, Lt Thetford, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Witcham, Witchford, Coveney, Haddenham
- Ely district war savings committee – list villages
- 6 aeroplane descends ay Ely, Littleport, Coates
- Sutton patriotic sale
- 8 casualties
- Littleport Hawkins previously w now kia
- Stretham Ambrose w, pic 27<sup>th</sup> p8
- Soham PoW concert
- Littleport patriotic jumble sale
- Downham war savings

1917 04 20

- 2 Wisbech rural tribunal
- 5 seven absentees arrested
- help for Ely prisoners
- Littleport patriotic sale
- 8 casualties
- Downham Thornton (son rector) kia
- Prickwillow Peachey kia
- Littleport volunteer "Your letter very personal, needs toning down" - ed
- "Hiding behind volunteer corps" - letter
- Stretham Routledge praised
- Manea Moate kia
- Soham Ellingham m pic
- Soham volunteers 100 strong

1917 04 27

- 2 Sutton patriotic sale - £400
- Ely isolation hospital opening in fields behind Witchford Road & St John's Road, gift Cutlack
- 3 Isle insurance company meeting - "all Isle doctors indispensable"
- national service – how works
- 5 consignment of potatoes from Chatteris – pic
- Huntingdon Kermode, vicar's son, flying accident
- 8 casualties
- Littleport Bell w pic
- Downham Green w, pic 4<sup>th</sup> p8
- Prickwillow Peachey kia pic

Soham Barber kia pic, Beeton m – further info, Hitch w pic 4<sup>th</sup> p8,  
Peacock w. pic, Frost k pic, Brown k pic

1917 05 04

- 2 appeal tribunal  
North Witchford tribunal
- 3 Women farm labour - Isle organisation set up
- 5 Prickwillow – Kingdon’s sale, including blacksmith’s premises
- 6 Wisbech rural tribunal  
Sutton Painter letter, India
- 8 casualties  
Soham Long w pic p8  
Prickwillow Thorpe kia, Norman w (2)  
Downham Missin w pic 11<sup>th</sup> p8, Barnes w  
Littleport – Belgian woman robbed  
Prickwillow aeroplane descends  
Downham Sennitt dw

1917 05 11

- 3 war savings Ely – Friendly Society form association  
Soham Flying Fund successful effort  
Ely rural tribunal – more single men for army, complaint against Volunteers – Lt  
Downham, Sutton, Haddenham, Wilburton, Littleport, Witchford, Stretham
- 5 Ely’s PoWs, now 20 send parcels  
Littleport private, lent by army for farm work, no bike lights
- 6 calling up farm hands – agreement with Board Agriculture  
Prickwillow - Baptist pastor Scaresbrook enlists, Rev Kingdon’s farewell
- 8 casualties  
Littleport Crabb w pic 18 p8  
Soham Ames w. pic, Porter m pic, Darnell m  
Witcham Norman dw pic  
Downham Yardy serious, Barnes w, nurse Harding leaving for France  
Prickwillow Norman letter  
Soham Talbot k pic

1917 05 18

- 2 appeal tribunal – Littleport, Sutton, Downham, Mepal  
“Splendid Suffolks” –how charged Hindenburg line, ‘prisoners who would not  
surrender  
Vimy Ridge described by Benwick soldier
- 3 Age limit raised to 50
- 5 British airship over Ely  
Volunteers signing on  
PoW help committee  
20,000 acres of pastures to be cropped ‘can it be done;  
war pensions – meet Isle committee
- 8 casualties  
Soham Badcock m - pic 25 p8  
Littleport Townsend died wounds – pic 25 p8  
Wilburton Hopkins m – pic 25 p8  
Prickwillow Watts k – pic 25 p8, Cross k  
Sutton Knight kia  
Pymore Powers w, Warren w – pics 8<sup>th</sup> Jun p8  
Lt Thetford Gent kia, Dewsbury k – pics 25 p8, Scarrow kia  
Soham PoW parcels to 13, Food economy meeting

Downham Barnes visited in hospital – pic  
 Haddenham - shops now close 1-2  
 Stretham – A.E. Wright died of shock on hearing death of two sons in France

1915 05 25

- 2 Ely urban tribunal
- 3 Wisbech borough tribunal
- 5 Ely girl d., took ill during war work, Salisbury Plain – Miss P. Tuck  
 Ely soldier describes attack  
 King's proclamation frugality and economy
- 8 Casualties - 3 lines of pics "heroes fallen in war"  
 Littleport Jordan kia pic, Jordan kia  
 Black Horse Drove Crabb now d.w.  
 Soham Mothersole kia, Audus kia pic, Fordham de pic, Porter m, now  
 kia, Fuller w pic 8 Jun p8, Martin m pic, King w pic  
 Prickwillow Watts d  
 Downham Cornwell kia, Saberton dw pics 8<sup>th</sup> p8,  
 War Ag Committee meet  
 Soham soldier letter - "to be sold, dug out"  
 Littleport Peake leaves for training  
 Wicken – feast died out, only stall of fish vendor

1917 06 01

- 2 Mepal patriotic sale
- 6 North Witchford tribunal
- 8 casualties  
 Soham Murfet w  
 Littleport Neal m, Parker kia – pics 8<sup>th</sup> p8  
 Upware Creek kia pic 8<sup>th</sup> p8  
 Downham Rudderham kia pic 8<sup>th</sup> p8  
 Prickwillow Crane escape from death – letter  
 Littleport Murfitt, Cobb, Harwood on leave  
 Ely urban tribunal

1917 06 08

- 2 Tribunal - members resignation - after unsuccessful appeal son; Littleport, Sutton,  
 Haddenham, Witcham, Downham, North Witchford  
 Littleport food control committee
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunal  
 Training disabled soldiers  
 Prickwillow – Rev Kingdon resignation, p.8 marries
- 5 photo soldiers honoured  
 Man fined for feeding bread to dogs Ely  
 Huntingdon Whetstone charged as absentee  
 Downham patriotic soldier  
 Ely khaki concert
- 8 casualties  
 Prickwillow Day dw pic  
 Littleport Porter m pic  
 Downham Wright military medal  
 Wicken Military Road becoming overgrown, pontoon bridge removed  
 Downham women's war work meeting  
 Littleport food control committee  
 Upware Creek memorial service  
 Chettisham Oakey m pic

Haddenham	Everitt W pic
Downham	Powers w pic
Littleport	Rogers w pic

Haddenham – feast held, Friendly Societies parade

1917 06 15

- 2 patriotic sales Ely, Mepal, Witcham
- 5 wounded soldiers war work sold Ely  
war ag reports on breaking up grass land  
Isle farmers union breaking up pasture
- 6 Downham patriotic sale
- 8 casualties  
Littleport Wilmot PoW pic, Furnell w 3<sup>rd</sup> time  
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic  
Littleport PoW help committee, volunteer news  
Downham nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting  
Haddenham Ainger kia  
Manea Carter m, Hamilton letter  
Soham letter from PoWs  
Wicken Rumbelow funeral from Kitchen Terrace  
Wilburton food control campaign  
Witchford food economy meeting  
Littleport food economy meeting  
Haddenham war savings association  
Mepal food control meeting

1917 06 22

- 2 Ely rural tribunal – war ag committee criticised, Littleport detailed case, Witchford, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Sutton, Thetford, Wilburton
- 6 Ely food campaign
- 8 casualties  
Soham Barker kia  
Wicken Bailey m pic, Bailey w  
Littleport Johnson w, Cole w & m  
Downham Jugg w  
Soham Red Cross fete, “Feast” in name only  
Wicken - German curios exhibited, vicar helps on farm  
Littleport PoW help committee  
Volunteer news  
Downham - nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting  
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic  
Prickwillow – welcome for Red Kingdon and his bride at St Teath, Cornwall

1917 06 29

- 2 appeal tribunal – one man business contention fails, Littleport, Downham, Mepal, Haddenham, Manea, Ely urban
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal – farmers and tradesmen wanted  
Manea & hospitals – another record despite rain
- 5 Airship over Ely - finest view had  
Ely war shrine to be unveiled
- 6 North Witchford tribunal  
war pensions  
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Swaffham Prior, Soham, Burwell
- 8 casualties  
Littleport Woods w pic 6 p8, Dennis kia pic, Mann kia, Thorby w

Newspaper staffs not to be denuded further for war  
 Sutton Clarke kia pic  
 Downham awkward aeroplane descent  
 Burnt Fen parcels for soldiers  
 Prickwillow St Teath welcome Kingdom  
 Littleport volunteers receive 30 1914 rifles

1917 07 06

- 2 Ely war shrine unveiled (pic p5)  
 Ely urban tribunal  
 Patriotic sale - £1,200
- 8 casualties  
 Soham Beeton reported k 12 months after m  
 Littleport Long w, Chapman kia pic,  
 Witchford Dunham kia, pic  
 Downham Rudderham kia, Wright w. pic 3<sup>rd</sup> p8  
 Soham Horsley medal, Matherson kia pic,  
 Soham aeroplane descends Shade  
 Wicken – military road, activity near Cam  
 Haddenham war ag committee  
 Wilburton feast – no stalls of any kind, ‘will soon die away’

1917 07 13

- 5 PoWs parcels - letter  
 Ely military hospital - sports & concert
- 6 Women’s land army - more recruits wanted
- 8 casualties  
 Soham Mann kia, letter, pic  
 Soham POW parcels being received

1917 07 20

- 5 Ely hospital acknowledges pillows  
 War funds society report  
 Women farm workers – Isle Committee meet
- 8 Soham Collen joins US army – account, Howe kia pic 24<sup>th</sup> Aug p3,  
 Collinson k in ship explosion

1917 07 27

- 2 Soham paint letter boxes with luminous paint  
 Littleport feast
- 6 training disabled soldiers, East Anglian committee
- 8 Soham Concert aid VAD work Fordham  
 Wicken Coronation Band still practices  
 casualties  
 Witchford Young kia  
 Littleport Hines PoW  
 Soham Collinson m, navy stoker, pic  
 Prickwillow Crunkhorn kia, pic

1917 08 03

- paper smaller in size
- 2 appeal tribunal – new procedure in farm cases – Downham, Mepal, Littleport
- 5 Ely volunteer inspection – 50  
 Ely dispensary appeals for funds

8 casualties

1917 08 10

3 war intercession, Ely

5 Cricket wounded soldiers Ely v Fulbourn

Ely & Downham volunteers

Prickwillow patriotic sale, magnificent effort

Stuntney vicar compiles a volume of Stuntney Records, will be left in safe

6 Proposed war museum

8 Littleport cinema – new gas engine & motor power

casualties

Littleport Weldon kia, Conn w pic

Downham Taylor PoW, pic

Soham Steggles kia 1916 – info: went Canada, pic

Haddenham Coatman, Benton on leave

1917 08 17

2 appeal tribunal, Ely urban

5 Haddenham discuss problems transport Ely station

Food economy campaign committee, Ely area, wound up

Soham Capt Morbey kia

Soldiers home-coming, problems transport from Ely station to Haddenham – letter

6 Cambridgeshire Regiment losses, many officers knocked out

8 Pidley man sunk U-boat

8 Prickwillow – patriotic effort raises £500, DCM Cockerel

casualties

Littleport Cooper kia, Wells kia pics 17<sup>th</sup> p8, Gross w & sent England,

Warren kia pic

Soham Lawrence w

Downham Fincham w

Coveney Coulson m presumed d

Manea Mason kia, Clarke w, Elliner w.

Stuntney McGee family “3 killed in one day”, 4<sup>th</sup> w

Haddenham Burling w, Charles w, Burgess & Pettengell missing now

presumed dead, Porter wounded 2<sup>nd</sup> time, came home for funeral of mother but three hours too late, Whetstone, Chapman, Baker, Rutherford, Everitt, Pope, Jackson on leave

1917 08 24

5 RFC men at funeral Mrs Oakey, she catered RFC men in her tea-room

6 casualties

Isleham Clarke w

Littleport Hudson dw pic p8, Sallis kia pic p8

Soham Howe kia pic p8

7 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham

8 casualties

Stretham Wheeler kia pic

Stuntney - McGee d.w

Sutton - Clay d. heat stroke, Egypt

Downham Swaine kia letter

Soham Morbey kia pic, Nunn kia pic, Peacock dw pic, Meeks sailed

Egypt

Soham – harvest – women workers

Wicken – harvest women workers & vicar

Military Road – County Council not take over till bridge completed



1917 08 31

- 3 Cs Regiment - record of some engagements, importance of training at home  
5 Ely war hospital supply depot - large parcel goes to the casualty clearing station every fortnight  
7 Farm workers wage - 25/- week now payable  
8 Sugar now available for preserving, (tremendous response)  
Soham - cigs, letter from Macedonia "smoking prevents mosquitoes pulling us out of dug-outs"  
Downham men on sick leave – Wright, Young, Jefferson, Bidwell  
casualties  
Soham Clark kia, Human kia, Beeton kia soon after brother, pic 7<sup>th</sup> Sep  
p8  
Littleport Rogers dw pic, Lock presumed dead, Simpson w  
Haddenham Wordingham m, Patterson missing but is PoW Turkey, Ambrose  
kia, Hall kia, Acred w.  
Haddenham leave - Webster on leave, Salmons on sick leave, Kermode on  
leave after aircraft accident, Russell, Few, Miller, Bearcock  
Wilburton Sneesby w now d, Sharpe d  
Stretham Fitch discharged after wounds, Boyce former PoW now home  
Mepal Constable four sons, three wounded  
Downham Swaine kia pic

1917 09 07

- 2 casualties  
Soham Gilbey m now d, Jobson dw  
County Regiment recent heroic attack  
3 Mrs. Hughes, VAD, serving important military hospital 13 months, given red efficiency stripe  
5 death Henry Hamit, engineer Isleham water works, 64, father drove Haddenham engine, son succeeds 14<sup>th</sup> Sep p2  
8 Stretham – war-work room reopened, 334 articles sent  
casualties  
Stretham Beasley kia, Wheeler Bros memorial service  
Littleport Webb w, Leverington kia, Sparrow two sons k pic 14<sup>th</sup> p8, Laws  
w sixth time,  
Burnt Fen Gipp PoW pic  
Downham Hurd of Oxloode w, Chambers w pic 14<sup>th</sup> p8, Peacock w  
Soham Human memorial service  
Downham Smith gazetted Manchester, Moxon lost leg accident, Missin w at  
home, Gilbert & Russell released for harvest work  
Soham man "m", now "kia" & buried (muddle)

1917 09 14

- 2 Ely food control committee  
6 Medal issued for 1914 troops  
casualties  
Prickwillow Rice kia pic p8  
Soham Fisk w  
8 Soham - shabbily dressed "woman" arrested as escaped German Pow  
Downham - Gunner Hull at war received bale clover for horse from Cooke of  
Downham, Volunteers - some neglect to attend minimum drills  
Casualties  
Haddenham Ambrose kia letter, on leave Chapman, Collins  
Stretham Baxter kia  
Littleport Cross w pic

Downham                      Hull returns hospital after leave, Hard wounded – pic

1917 09 21

- 3 Chatteris airman killed, how Lieut Angood died
- 5 Ely bakers charge 9d per loaf, provided customers pay once a week, otherwise 1/2d more, co-op absolutely cash trade
- 6 Ely - butchers excessive prices. Lieut Blakeman Military Cross  
national service reorganisation of work
- 7 ploughing of pastures, position in Isle, committee avoid compulsion if possible
- 8 casualties  
Haddenham                      Weeks dw, Green Military Medal, Starkey commissioned,  
Hawkins & Russell 10 days leave, Green month leave for harvest
- Littleport                      Mann – seaman DSM, Webb w pic
- Prickwillow                      Day Military Medal
- Downham                      Fuller narrow escape
- Stretham                      Baxter, Beasley, Wesley memorial service
- Haddenham - Red Cross effort
- Littleport – need to husband food
- Manea                      Cooper, Cox memorial service, now 19 fallen, 2 missing

1917 09 28

- 2 North Witchford Tribunal
- 3 ejectment order against soldier's wife
- 6 zeppelin raids SE England, Lincs
- 8 casualties  
Soham                      Low w  
Stretham                      Jarman w  
Haddenham                      Cockle on leave – walked from Ely, Hart on leave
- Prickwillow                      Day, Gooch awarded Military Medal
- Soham - PoW fund
- Downham – d Mrs Goodge, widow late Pte Jack Goodge, leaves six-year-old daughter orphan
- Prickwillow – cadets based in Prickwillow
- Littleport – VTC, 30 shoot at Ely

1917 10 05

- 2 Ely Pow concert – details of experiences prisoners  
Soham - objections to luminous paint
- 3 Ely - rumours that 3 escaped German prisoners chased through fen with fixed bayonets  
Retail coal prices
- 5 Bronco Bill wild west exhibition coming to Ely  
Prickwillow motor car in river, new vicar T.G. Pearson of London
- 8 casualties  
Soham                      Hobbs w now d, Audus w pic 12<sup>th</sup> p8
- Littleport                      Bell w 2<sup>nd</sup> time pic, Cheeswright Military Medal
- Soham – VTC get new uniforms
- Downham – VTC 16 parade
- Littleport – aeroplane descends damaging propellers, wedding Pettit – discharged soldier, w PoW, returned
- Haddenham - leave – Miller, Howes, Metcalfe, Rutherford, Wolfe after w, Plater – Barnardo's boy visiting foster mother; VTC 48 parade

1917 10 12

- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal  
Ely food control committee – butchers to be interviewed

- 5 casualties  
Soham Brown kia
- 8 Wilburton - apply faculty for stained glass window Mrs Pell  
Littleport - town band general meeting  
Downham – Rev Smith lectures on ‘Our Village’ shall be preserved, given 1909, War work committee review

Casualties	
Coveney	Spencer w
Witchford	Coulson kia pic 19 <sup>th</sup> p8
Stuntney	McGee kia pic 26 <sup>th</sup> p8
Haddenham	Bristow kia pic 19 <sup>th</sup> p8, Whetstone shellshock & abrasion
Downham	several men on leave including Saberton – lost leg
Witcham	Corp Powell promoted sergeant
Haddenham	Lord, Burling on leave, Thaxter gone rest camp

1917 10 19

- 2 Norfolk man destroys memorial to his son erected by uncle
- 3 Wisbech borough memorial  
Wilburton – late Major Pell impressive service  
Haddenham sale Hinton Hall & North Fen farms
- 8 Soham - Luminous paint on lampposts effective, volunteer inspection, ‘Our Day’ patriotic collection  
Prickwillow – Pearson inducted
- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| Casualties |   |
| Littleport | Fitch kia   |
| Downham    | Lee PoW, Palmer has final leave before war – delayed by illness |
| Soham      | Badcock, Bullman PoWs, Fordham m                                |
| Haddenham  | Clark & Howard on leave, Starkey returns                        |

1917 10 26

- 2 standardised dwellings, state to build 150,000 workmen’s dwellings
- 4 Ely wounded entertained, letter from PoW thanks for gifts
- 5 Soham - Fitch lost both legs presented hand-propelled chair from Lord Kitchener
- National Memorial Fund
- 6 Zeppelins raid E & NE counties  
letter on behalf PoW & comforts for troops fund
- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| casualties |  |
| Sutton     | Dunkling w pic 2 <sup>nd</sup> p8          |
| Littleport | Neal was m now kia pic p8, Bell kia pic p8 |
| Mepal      | Constable kia pic p8, Whitehead w pic p8   |
- 8 Stretham – egg collection continues  
Mepal – war work depot meet
- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| casualties |   |
| Haddenham  | Coulson m; on leave Hostler, Thulborne, Southgate, Chapman discharged after w, Thaxter, 55, has been road-making in France, now ill |
| Soham      | Aspland sailor on HMS Mary Rose drowned when sunk pic 9 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Wicken     | Norman kia  |
| Burnt Fen  | Butcher kia, details 2 <sup>nd</sup> p8 & pic   |
| Sutton     | Dewey dw, memorial service Croxon, Clay, Dewey  |
| Witchford  | Adams w, Gedney w pics 2 <sup>nd</sup> p8   |
| Thetford   | Wright awarded DCM  |

1917 11 02

- 2 Ely Food Control – meat, tea & butter prices, committee in favour of compulsory rationing
  - 5 Pymore water polluted with sewage  
PoW flag day  
Ely rural food control fixing the price of meat, butchers interviewed
  - 8 Haddenham correspondent is A.E.R. Bearcock  
Downham – volunteer orders, soldier's wedding – Canham  
Littleport – Mawby promoted captain
- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| casualties |  |
| Downham    | Green w pic 9 <sup>th</sup> p8                             |
| Soham      | Freeman kia  |
| Littleport | Coulson kia pic 9 <sup>th</sup> p8                         |
| Haddenham  | on leave Searle, Barham, Porter, Miles, Coxall – been road |
- making, now ill
- |       |                |
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| Soham | Jobson kia pic |
|-------|----------------|
- 1917 11 09
- 2 North Witchford Tribunal
  - 3 Coates defence of “frivolity” & “merry making”  
more potato cases – seed sold at excessive prices  
flash lamps are nuisance & dangerous  
appeal tribunals – Stretham, Littleport, Haddenham, Sutton
  - 4 retail price list of meal
  - 5 Ely food control committee – shortage of milk  
Territorial Association, many casualties in Cambridgeshire Regiment reported
  - 8 Prickwillow - quite a number of soldiers at work on farm, 1<sup>st</sup> time for 60 years no pork in W.G. Edward's shop  
Sutton – war savings committee  
Haddenham – war work meet  
Casualties
- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Downham   | Fuller w 3 <sup>rd</sup> time, Wright dangerously ill           |
| Soham     | Clarke kia letter pic, Brown awarded Military Medal pic         |
| Haddenham | Bishop awarded Military Medal; on leave – Shipp, Taylor, Watts, |
- Southgate
- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Prickwillow | Sindall ill, Hopkin w, Bonnett & Pratt on leave |
|-------------|---|
- 1917 11 16
- 3 Doddington potato merchant fined £1,400 for illegal profit
  - 4 Ely funeral sapper Everson
  - 5 Ely war hospital supply depot anniversary meeting
  - 6 Isle County Council discuss training disabled men
  - 8 Prickwillow – distribution war funds  
Downham - VTC orders  
casualties
- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Soham     | Murfet dw, Hobbs kia   |
| Thetford  | Gage kia pic 22 <sup>nd</sup> p8                                     |
| Haddenham | Pake w pic 23 <sup>rd</sup> p8, Hart w; on leave – Lown, Emery after |
- amongst wounded horses, Holmes, Thaxter, Green, Bearcock, Tebbutt commissioned RFC
- |         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Downham | Wright kia pic 23 <sup>rd</sup> p8  |
| Manea   | Edwards kia pic 23 <sup>rd</sup> p8 |
- 1917 11 23
- 2 Wentworth -school to continue

- 3 death Neil Primrose in Palestine MP, North Cambs Parliamentary Constituency – pic p5, funeral 30<sup>th</sup> p3
- 4 Ely soldiers letter re clothing sent out from Ely
- 5 urgent need to break up pastures  
Ely Rural Tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton
- 7 Ely urban tribunal
- 8 Prickwillow – two aeroplanes land casualties  
Littleport Kirby m from May now presumed d pic, Cracknell kia pic,  
Newton ill  
Haddenham Clements w, on leave: Porter, Howard, Pettengell  
Prickwillow Day Military Medal pic  
Thetford Wright DCM  
Burnt Fen Neal kia pic 30<sup>th</sup> p8  
Downham Hull, Cornwell, Skinner, Langford on leave  
Sutton Meaks d of chill when on leave

1917 11 30

- 2 Burnt Fen – socials in schoolroom, reply to gossip
- 3 Wisbech borough tribunal
- 4 new scheme for parcels to PoWs
- 5 Ely food conference, 10 week old child fed on flour & water  
Soham flying fund ‘big push’ for cigarettes  
Mepal – successful effort for PoWs  
Soham disastrous fire, six cottages St John’s Square  
Pymore & Downham water supply
- 6 appeal tribunals – Manea
- 8 Haddenham – war work party started Hill Row Mission room  
Downham – war savings low, ‘Votes for Women’ meeting casualties  
Littleport Mawby w  
Downham Taylor kia, Wright appreciation,  
Soham Mote gassed pic  
Haddenham Jackson on leave  
Sutton death of mother of Meeks - shock

1917 12 07

- 2 Sutton – correspondence re exemption etc
- 4 PoWs thank for parcels  
Letter “they will want men up to 90 if this goes on much longer”  
By-election, Coote nominated, Republican party threatens to appoint candidate  
Ely St Mary’s memorial tablet Rev Punchard
- 6 Ely urban food committee
- 7 Have you helped your country - buy war bonds – advert
- 8 Sutton – concert at Christmas for soldiers  
Haddenham – war working party Hill Row casualties  
Soham Norman kia pic, Brown Military Medal pic  
Prickwillow Norman w  
Manea Sears PoW, Guy dw  
Thetford Dewsbury DCM  
Haddenham Peacock gassed, Saberton in hospital, Whetstone seriously ill,  
Pettengell w, Rutherford shell shock, Jackson returning France, Whetstone now to Italy,  
Hayden returned Australia await discharge  
Downham Leach on leave

Thetford

Yarrow commissioned

1917 12 14

3 butchers combine form association

Col Goodwyn Luddington Archer granted divorce due misconduct of wife Phyllis with  
Capt Allan Morris – letters describe circumstances

4 More wounded arrive Ely - 20, several badly wounded arrive at Red Cross Hospital,  
bring number up to 38

5 “Why do married tradesmen have to undertake VTC duties while young single men are  
absolutely free”

Photo “Good cheer from home” - Chatteris is Pow with parcel

Bye-election no news of Republican candidate

Casualties

Littleport Fletcher w

Downham Flanders w, Culpin dw, Martin kia – pics p8

6 “Over the top” - Chatteris guardsman’s letter

8 Sutton – arrangements conveying soldiers to Ely

PoWs - £3,000 wanted in Isle

casualties

Haddenham Miller shell shock, Lown in hospital

Stretham Swan kia

Littleport Benton w pic

1917 12 21

3 bye-election uncontested, Coote unopposed

4 RFC social & athletic club concert, Ely

‘War on earth but goodwill to men’ editorial

Capt Neil Primrose MP buried at Jewish cemetery near Jerusalem, (“incorrect, in  
French convent” 28<sup>th</sup> p4)

Royal Flying Corps social & athletic club concert, Ely

Infant scholars & our prisoners – entertainment

5 casualties list

6 VAD hospital - large no. beds vacant & majority need no medical attention, but 1<sup>st</sup>  
EGH overcrowded

8 Wicken – Aspland agent Ely Standard nearly 50 years to relinquish due to eye strain  
Haddenham – Clements sick leave

1917 12 28

3 The war in 1917 by military expert

The year’s story

4 Christmastide - 40 wounded soldiers spent happy Xmas at local Red Cross hospital

5 aircraft crashes as taking off at Ely having descended through lack petrol

North Witchford tribunal

6 Neil Primrose tribute

8 appeal to farmers to increase production

casualties

Sutton Nunn kia

Littleport Cooper kia letter

### ***Ely Standard 1918***

1918 – I am still adding to these stories

1918 01 04

3 Soham military funeral

5 Ely soldier deserts on arrival Italy

- 5 Benwick incendiary bomb unearthed
- 6 Shire Horse outlook - how will tractors affect breeding

1918 01 11

- 3 "Air raid bargains" - heading used to advertise motorbikes
- 5 German PoWs considered for reclaiming wetlands near Isleham

1918 01 25

- 5 Spherical balloon descends Stuntney. "the whirring of aeroplane engine has become common sound by night & day
- 8 Pymore soldiers feel forgotten by villagers

1918 02 01

- 6 March nurse's experiences - went to Egypt with hospital staff from Cambridge

1918 02 15

- 5 Ely try get street lights on, provided can be dimmed in Zeppelin attack  
"aeroplanes galore" - £242,703 collected - 96 planes  
Sutton raised £117,840 - 47 planes
- 8 Haddenham. Butchers shut Mon & Tues as shortage meat

1918 03 01

- 5 Aeroplane week, Isle asked for 8 planes, Ely tries for 8

1918 03 15

- 5 "Aeroplanes galore"
- 8 Had Denham's butchers shut shops as shortages

1918 03 29

- 5 Princess Mary presents chevrons Women's Lane army

1918 04 05

- 4 Compulsory rationing meat, butter & margarine next week
- 8 Farm labourer's wages 30/- per week (min), 54 hrs  
Hill Row mission room new organ dedicated Pte Bristowe  
Expect raise age limit to 50 soon

1918 04 12

- 5 Cs Regt. 10 days of heaviest fighting
- 7 Cs volunteers application gas masks & shrapnel helmets
- 8 ..... many parents anxiously waiting postman's rat - tat  
Quite a normal notice is "no beer"  
Haddenham war work, last of season, cont. during summer

1918 04 19

- 5 Ely - more wounded arrive, total 47  
Ely PoWs "no. increasing immensely
- 8 Prickwillow, meat "obsolete word"
- 8 Haddenham boy writes "Hymn for airman"

1918 04 26

- 6 Exceptions - up to 23 yr olds cancelled

1918 05 03

- 3 "Is March to have a hospital, if not why not"
- 8 Thetford labourers union, decide form branch
- Wicken volunteers make good progress, most uniformed

1918 05 10

- 5 War savings - village totals
- 8 Soham pay ½ gas bill due blackout
- Stretham - Rector article "drawing us all together"

1918 05 17

- 3 Ely PC assaulted by 6 men, discharged army, who working airfield, Norfolk
- 5 Ag. wages, new minimum rate starts
- Prayers for dead, Rector's retort to Baptists, Downham

1918 05 24

- 6 Prayers - letter
- 7 Exemptions - guide to applicants

1918 05 31

- 4 Very small proportion men 18-23 employed ag. exempted - 26 out of 360
- 8 Soham tobacco appreciated - letter
- Haddenham. Feast - nothing like old times

1918 06 21

- 4 Ag. labs union "new force in Isle"
- Tribunal decisions "hard but dictated need ...."
- 5 Comrades of Great War soc starts, Ely

1918 06 28

- 7 Isle Labour party inaugural demo "a bloodless revolution after the war"

1918 07 05

- 8 25 German prisoners work Upware

1918 07 19

- 2 Ely war hospital supply depot "at home"
- 3 Ely soldier's experiences, Italian front

1918 07 26

- 3 Funeral Mons hero, Ely

1918 08 09

- 3 German PoWs accomodation Ely - discussion
- 4 Land settlement for ex-service men

1918 08 16

- 3 Farmer pros. Neglect horses hired War ag.

1918 08 30

- 3 War-time farming, arable increased by million acres

1918 09 06

- 2 ?Missing through .....



1918 09 06

- 3 March tribunal strike in protest against decisions not being given effect to Cs Regt. - tribute to fallen officers

1918 09 20

- 5 New peace move "a trick" - editorial  
Ely lamps get luminous paint
- 6 Soham soldier lost arm, now expert needlework

1918 09 27

- 5 Capt. Coote gets DSO
- 8 Soham - war pictures shown

1918 10 04

- 5 "One of results of war great revival in spiritualism"
- 6 "On a searchlight" by volunteer

1918 10 11

- 5 "British breakthrough a great victory"
- 6 Germany asks for armistice

1918 11 01

- 8 Littleport Grange - 40 soldiers billeted

1918 11 08

- 5 Ely Red Cross hospital - short history
- 8 Sutton woman suicide - distressed by London air raid experience

1918 11 15

- 3 Reconstruction in Isle - 537 new cottages required
- 4 Ely war shrine service Market Square
- 5 War ending - how villages rejoiced  
Street lights lit
- 6 Farmers & discharged soldiers - letter
- 8 Littleport - death Belgian refugee

1918 11 29

- 5 Tribunal suggest early release essential men
- 5 PoWs home
- 8 Soham lights lit

1918 12 06

- 2 Ely recreation ground, RAF proposal commandeer it for men employed "Flying Park"  
Station road
- 5 Littleport protest at German prisoners on land

1918 12 13

- 4 Ely RAF proposal - protest
- 8 Littleport PoWs retrained station - several speak English, marched to Grange

1918 12 20

- 2 Education - worst attendance on record
- 5 Ely infectious diseases hospital used for 32 German PoWs

1918 12 27

- 3 Topical cartoons - aircraft, returning men, rationing
- 5 German PoWs, Ely - 50 due, note employment Haddenham & Ely
- 8 Downham drainage work by 40 German PoWs, people visit